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The Hiſtory Of

Pericles, Prince of Tyre.

Enter Gower.

TO ſing a ſong that old was ſung,
From aſhes, ancient *Gower* is come,
Aſſuming mans infirmities,
To glad your eare, and pleaſe your eies;
It hath beene ſung at Feſtiuals,
On Ember eues, and holy-daies
And Lords and Ladies in their liues,
Haue read it for reſtoratiues:
The purchaſe is to make men glorious.
Et bonum quo Antiquius eo melius:
If you, borne in theſe latter times,
When wits more ripe, accept my Rimes:
And that to heare an old man ſing,
May to your wiſhes pleaſure bring
I life would wiſh, and might
Waſte it for you like Taper-light.
This *Antioch*, then, *Antiochus* the great,
Built vp this City for his chiefeſt ſeate;
The faireſt in all *Syria*.
I tell you what mine Authors ſay:
This King vnto him tooke a peere,
Who died, and left a female heire,
So buckſome, blithe, and full of face,

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As heauen had lent her all his grace:
With whom the Father liking tooke,
And her to incest did prouoke:
Bad child, worse father, to entice his owne.
To euill should be done by none:
But custome, what they did begin,
Was with long vse, accounted no sinne,
The beauty of this sinfull Dame,
Made many Princes thether frame,
To seeke her as a bed-fellow,
In marriage pleasures, play-fellow:
Which to preuent, he made a Law,
To keepe her still and men in awe,
That who so askt her for his wife,
His Riddle told not, lost his life:
So for her many of wight did die,
As yon grim lookes doe testifie.
What ensues to the iudgement of your eye,
I giue my cause, who best can iustifie. *Exit.*

Enter Antiochus, Prince Pericles, and followers.

Ant. Yong Prince of *Tyre*, you haue at large receiued.
The danger of the taske you vndertake.

Per I haue (*Antiochus*) and with a soule emboldned
with the glory of her praise, thinke death no hazard,
In this enterprize.

Ant. Musicke bring in our daughter, clothed like a bride
For embracements, euen of *Ioue* himselfe;
At whose conception till *Lucina* reigned,
Nature this dowry gaue, to glad her presence,
The Senate house of Planets all did sit.
To knit in her this best perfections

Enter Antiochus Daughter.

Per. See where she comes, apparelld like the Spring,
Graces her subiects, and her thoughts the King,
Of euery vertue giues renowne to men

Her

Her face the booke of praiſes, where is read,
Nothing but curious pleaſures, as from thence
Sorrow were euer rackt, and teſty wrath
Could neuer be her milde companion.
You Gods that made me man, and ſway in loue
That haue enflam'd deſire in my breſt,
To taſte the fruite of yon celeſtiall tree,
[Or die in the aduenture] be my helpes,
As I am ſonne and ſeruant to your will,
To compaſſe ſuch a boundleſſe happineſſe.

Anti. Prince *Pericles.*

Per. That would be ſonne to great *Antiochus*

Ant. Before thee ſtands this faire *Hesperides*,
With golden fruit, but dangerous to be toucht:
For death like dragons here affright thee hard,
Her face like heauen, inticeth thee to view
Her countleſſe glory, which deſert muſt gaine;
And which without deſert becauſe thine eye
Preſumes to reach, all the whole heape muſt die,
Yon ſometimes famous Princes like thy ſelfe,
Drawne by report, aduenturous by deſire,
Tell thee with ſpeechleſſe tongues, and ſemblance pale,
That without couering, ſaue yon field of ſtarres,
Here they ſtand martyrs, ſlaine in *Cupids* warres:
And with dead cheekes aduiſe thee to deſiſt,
For going on death's net, whom none reſiſt.

Per. Antiochus I thanke thee, who hath taught
My fraile mortalitie to know it ſelfe,
And by thoſe fearefull obiects to prepare
This body, like to them, to what I muſt:
For death remembred, ſhould be like a Myrror,
Who tels vs, life's but breath, to truſt it error:
Ile make my will then, and as ſicke men do,
Who know the world, ſee heauen, but feeling woe,
Gripe not at earthly ioyes, as erſt they did;
So I bequeath a happy peace to you,
And all good men, as euery Prince ſhould do

My riches to the earth from whence they came:
But my vnsuppos'd fire of Loue to you,
Thus ready for the way of life or death,
I waite the sharpest blow [*Antiochus*]
Scorning aduice; read the conclusion then:
Which read and not expounded, tis decreed,
As these before, thou thy selfe shall bleed.

Daugh. Of all said yet, thou proue prosperous,
Of all said yet, I wish thee happinesse.

Per. Like a bold Champion I assume the Listes,
Nor aske aduice of any other thought,
But faithfullnesse and courage.

The Riddle.

I am no Viper, yet I feede
On mothers flesh which did me breed:
I sought a husband in which labour,
I found that kindnesse in a father.
Hee's father, sonne, and husband milde,
I Mother, Wife, and yet his Childe:
How they may be, and yet in two,
As you will liue, resolue it you.

Sharpe physicke is the last; but O you powers!
That giues heauen countles eyes to view mens acts,
Why cloud they not their sights perpetually,
If this be true, which makes mee pale to reede it,
Faire glasse of light, I lou'd you and could still,
Were not this glorious Casket stor'd with ill:
But I must tell you, now my thoughts reuolt,
For hee's no man on whom perfections wait
That knowing sinne within, will touch the gate:
You are a faire Vyoll, and your sence the strings,
Who fingerd to make man his lawfull musicke,
Would draw heauen downe, and all the Gods to hearken,
But being plaid vpon before your time,
Hell only daunceth at so harsh a chime:

Good

Good ſooth, I care not for you.
Ant. Prince *Pericles*, touch not vpon thy life,
For that's an article within our Law,
As dangerous as the reſt your times expinde
Either expound now, or receiue your ſentence.
Peri. Great King,
Few loue to heare the ſinnes they loue to acte,
T, would braid your ſelfe too neere for me to tell it:
Who hath a booke of all that Monarchs do,
Hee's more ſecure to keepe it ſhut, then ſhewne:
For vice repeated, is like the wandring winde,
Blowes duſt in others eies, to ſpread it ſelfe;
And yet the end of all is bought thus deare,
The breath is gone, and the ſore eies ſee cleare.
To ſtop the aire would hurt them the blinde Mole caſt
Copt hils toward heauen, to tell the earth is throng'd
By mans oppreſſion, and the poore worme doth die for't
Kings are earths Gods; in vice their law's their will,
And if I*oue* ſtray, who dares ſay, I*oue* doth ill.
It is enough you know, and it is fit;
What being more knowne, growes worſe to ſmother it.
All loue the wombe that their being bred,
Then giue my tongue like leaue to loue my head.
Ant. Heauen that I had it; he has found the meaning,
But I will gloze with him. Young Prince of *Tyre*,
Though by the tenour of your ſtrict edict,
Your expoſition miſ- interpreting,
We might proceed to counſel of your daies;
Yet hope, ſucceeding from ſo faire a tree,
As your faire ſelfe, doth tune vs otherwiſe:
Forty daies longer we do reſpite you,
If by which time our ſecret be vndone,
This mercy ſhewes wee'l ioy in ſuch a ſonne:
And vntill then, your entertaine ſhall be
As doth befit our honour, and your worth. *Exit*

Manet Pericles ſolus

Per. How courteſie would ſeeme to couer ſinne,

When

When what is done is like an hipocrite,
The which is good in nothing but in sight,
If it be true that I interpret false,
Then were it certaine you were not so bad,
As with foule Incest to abuse your soule:
Where now you both a father and a sonne,
By your untimely claspings with your childe,
(Which pleasures fits an husband, not a father)
And she an eater of her mothers flesh,
By the defiling of her parents bed,
And both like serpents are, who though they feed
On sweetest flowers, yet they poyson breed
Antioch farewell, for wickednesse like thine
Blush not in actions blacker then the night,
Will shew no course to keepe them from the light.
One sinne [I know] another doth provoke:
Murders as neere to lust, as flame to smoke:
Poyson and treason are the hands of sinne,
I, and the Targets to put off the shame,
Then least my life be crept to keepe you cleare,
By flight Ile shun the danger which I feare.

Exit.

Enter Antiochus.

Anti. He hath found the meaning,
For which we meane to haue his head,
He must not liue to trumpet forth my infamy,
Nor tell the world, *Antioch* doth sinne
In such a loathed manner,
And therefore instantly this Prince must die,
For by his fall, my honour must keepe hie.
Who attends vs there?

Enter Thaliard.

Thal. Doth your highnesse call?

Anti. *Thaliard* you are of our Chamber,
And our minde partakes her private actions
To your secresie; and for your faithfulnesse
We will aduance you *Thaliard*;

Behold,

Behold, heer's poyſon and heer's gold,
We hate the Prince of *Tyre*, and thou muſt kill him,
It fits thee not to aske the reaſon why?
Becauſe we bid it: ſay is it done?
Thal. My Lord, tis done.

Enter a Meſſenger.

Ant. Enough. Let your breath coole your ſelfe, telling your haſte.

Meſſ. My Lord Prince *Pericles* is fled.

Ant. As thou wilt liue, flye after, and like an arrow ſhot from a well experient Archer hits the marke his eye doth leuell at: ſo do thou neuer returne, vnleſſe thou ſay, Prince *Pericles* is dead.

Thal. My Lord, if I can get him within my piſtols length, Ile make him ſure enough: ſo farewell to your highneſſe.

Ant. Thaliard adieu, till *Pericles* be dead,
My heart can lend no ſuccour to my head. *Exit.*

Enter Pericles with his Lords.

Per. Let none diſturbe vs:
Why ſhould this change of thoughts,
The ſad companion dull-eyde melancholy,
By me ſo vſed, a gueſt as not an houre,
In the dayes glorious walke or peaceſull night,
The toombe where griefe ſhould ſleepe, can breed me quiet,
Here pleaſures court mine eyes, and mine eyes ſhun them,
And danger which I feard, is at *Antioch*,
Whoſe arme ſeemes farre too ſhort to hit me here,
Yet neuer pleaſures can ioy my ſpirits,
Nor yet the other diſtance comfort me:
Then it is thus, that paſſions of the minde,
That haue their firſt conception by miſ-dread,
Haue after nouriſhment and life by care;
And what was firſt but feare, what might be done,
Growes elder now, and cares it be not done.
And ſo with me; the great *Antiochus*,
Gainſt whom I am to little to contend,

Since hee's ſo great, can make his will his acte,
Will thinke me ſpeaking, though I ſweare to ſilence,
Nor bootes it mee to ſay I honour,
If he ſuſpect I may diſhonour him.
And what may make him bluſh in being knowne,
With hoſtile forces hee'l ereſpread the land,
And with the ſtint of warre will looke ſo huge,
Amazement ſhall driue courage from the ſtate;
Our men bee vanquiſht, ere they do reſiſt,
And ſubiects puniſht that neuer thought offeuce,
Which care of them, not pity of my ſelfe,
Who once no more but as the toppes of trees,
Which fence the rootes they grow by, and defend them,
Make both my body pine, and my ſoule languiſh,
And puniſh that before that he would puniſh.

1. *Lord* Ioy and all comfort in your ſacred breſt.

2. *Lord.* And keepe your minde till ye returne to vs peacefull and comfortable.

Hell. Peace, peace, and giue experience tongue:
They do abuſe the King that flatter him,
For flattery is the Bellowes blowes vp ſin,
The thing the which is flattered but a ſparke,
To which that ſparke giues heate and ſtronger growing,
Whereas reproofe obedient and in order,
Fits Kings as they are men, for they may erre,
When Signior ſooth here doth proclaime peace,
He flatters you, and makes warre vpon your life.
Prince pardon me, or ſtrike me if you pleaſe.
I cannot be much lower then my knees.

Per. All leaue vs elſe: but let your cares ore-looke
What ſhipping and what lading in our Hauen,
And then returne to vs: *Helicanus* thou haſt
Moou'd vs: what ſeeſt thou in our lookes?

Hell. An angry, brow dread Lord.

Per. If there be ſuch a dart in Princes frownes,
How durſt thy tongue moue anger to our face?

Hell.

Hell. How dares the planets looke vp to heauen,
From whence they haue their nourishment?
Per. Thou knowest I haue power to take thy life from thee.
Hell. I haue groaud the axe my selfe,
Do you but strike the blow.
Per. Rise, prethee rise, sit downe, thou art no flatterer,
I thanke thee for it, and heauen forbid,
That Kings should let their eares heare their faults hid
Fit Councellor, and seruant for a Prince,
who by thy wisedome makes a Prince thy seruant,
What wouldst thou haue me do?
Hell. To beare with patience such griefes,
As your selfe do lay vpon your selfe,
Per. Thou speakest like a Physition, *Helicanus*
That ministers a portion vnto me,
That thou wouldst tremble to receiue the selfe.
Attend me then; I went to *Antioch*,
whereas thou knowst (against the face of death)
I sought the purchase of a glorious beauty,
From whence an issue I might propagate,
Are armes to Princes, and bring ioyes to Subiects:
Her face was to mine eye beyond all wonder,
The rest (harke in thine eare) as blacke as incest,
Which by my knowledge found, the sinfull father,
Seem'd not to strike, but smoothe: But thou knowst this,
Tis time to feare, when tyrants seeme to kisse,
which feare so grew in me I hither fled
Vnder the houering of a careful night,
Who seem'd my good Protector: and being here,
Bethought me what was past, what might succeed;
I knew him tyrannous, and tyrants feare
Decrease not, but grow faster then the yeares:
And should he thinke, as no doubt he doth,
That I should open to the listening ayre,
How many worthy Princes bloud were shed,
To keepe his bed of blackenesse vnlaid ope,
To lop that doubt, hee'l fill this Land with armes,

And make pretence of wrong that I haue done him,
When all for mine, if I may call offence,
Muſt feele warres blow, who feares not innocence:
Which loue to all, of which thy ſelfe art one,
Who now reprouedſt me for it.

Hell. Alaſſe ſir.

Per. Drew ſleepe out of mine eyes, blood from my cheekes,
Muſing in my minde, with thouſand doubts
How I might ſtope there tempeſt ere it came,
And finding little comfort to releeue them,
I thought it princely charity to grieue them.

Hell. Well my Lord, ſince you haue giuen me leaue to ſpeake
Freely will I ſpeake, *Antiochus* you feare,
And iuſtly too I thinke you feare the tyrant,
Who eyther by publike warre, or priuate treaſon,
Will take away your life: therefore my Lord, goe trauell for a while, till that his rage and anger be forgot, or till the Deſtinies do cut his thred of life: your Rule direct to any, if vnto me, day ſerue not light more faithfull then Ile be.

Per. I do not doubt thy faith,
But ſhould he wrong my liberties in my abſence?

Hell. Wee'l mingle our bloods together in the earth,
From whence wee had our being, and our birth.

Per. Tyre, I now looke from thee then, and to *Tharſus*
Intend my trauaile, where Ile heare from thee;
And by whoſe Letters Ile diſpoſe my ſelfe,
The care I had and haue of Subiects good,
On thee I lay, whoſe wiſe Iomes ſtrength can beare it,
Ile take thy word for faith not aske thine oath,
who ſhuns not to breake one, will cracke both.
But in our orbes we liue ſo round and ſafe,
That time of both this truth ſhall neere conuince,
Thou ſheweſt a ſubiects ſhine, I a true prince. *Exit.*

Enter Thaliard ſolus.

Thal. So, this is *Tyre*, and this is the Court, heere muſt I kill King *Pericles*, and if I do it not, I am ſure to be hanged at home: it

it is dangerous.

Well, I perceiue he was a wiſe fellow, and had good diſcretion, that being bid to aske what hee would of the King, deſired hee might know none of his ſecrets. Now do I ſee hee had ſome reaſon for it: for if a King bid a man bee a villaine, hee is bound by the indeature of his oath to be one.

Huſht heere comes the Lords of *Tyre*.

Enter Helicanus. Escanes, with other Lords of Tyre.

Hell. You ſhall not need, my fellow-*Peeres* of *Tyre*, further to queſtion me of your Kings departure: his ſealed Commiſſion left in truſt with me, doth ſpeake ſufficiently, hee's gone to trauell.

Thal. How? the King gone?

Hell. If further yet you will bee ſatiſfied, (why as it were vnlicenc'd of your loues) he would depart? Ile giue ſome light vnto you: Being at *Antioch*.

Thal. What from *Antioch*,

Hell. Royall *Antioch* (on what cauſe I know not) tooke ſome diſpleaſure at him, at leaſt he iudged ſo: and doubting that hee had erred or ſinned, to ſhew his ſorrow, hee would correct himſelfe; ſo putts himſelfe vnto the ſhip-mans toyle, with whom each minute threatens life or death.

Thal. Well I perceiue I ſhall not bee hanged now, although I would, but ſince hee's gone, the Kings Seas muſt pleaſe: hee ſcapte the Land, to periſh at the Sea: Ile preſent my ſelfe, Peace to the Lords of *Tyre*.

Hell. Lord *Thaliard* from *Antiochus* is welcome.

Thal. From him I come with meſſage vnto Princely *Pericles*; but ſince my landing I haue vnderſtood, your Lord hath betooke himſelfe to vnknowne trauailes, my meſſage muſt returne from whence it came.

Hell. We haue no reaſon to deſire it, commended to our Maſter, not to vs; yet ere you ſhall depart, this we deſire as friends to *Antioch*, we may feaſt in *Tyre*. *Exeunt.*

Enter Cleon the Gouernor of Tharsus, with his wife and others.

Cleon. My *Dionisia*, shall we rest vs here,
And by relating tales of others griefes,
See if 't will teach vs to forget our owne;

Dion. That were to blow at fire in hope to quench it,
For who digs hils because they do aspire,
Throwes downe one Mountaine to cast vp a higher:
O my distressed Lord, euen such our griefes are,
Here they are but felt, and seene with mischiefes eies,
But like to Groues being topt, they higher rise.

Cleon, O *Dionisia*,
Who wanteth food, and will not say he wants it,
Or can conceale his hunger till he famish?
Our tongues and sorrowes do sound deepe:
Our woes into the ayre, our eyes to weepe,
Till tongues fetch breath that may proclaime
Them louder, that if heauen slumber, while
Their creatures want, they may awake
Their helpers to comfort them.
Ile then discourse our woes felt seuerall yeares,
And wanting breath to speake, helpe me with teares.

Dion. Ile do my best Sir.

Cleon. This *Tharsus*, ore which I haue the gouernment,
A Citty, on whom plenty held full hand:
For riches strewd her selfe euen in the streetes,
Whose towers bore heads so high, they kist the clouds,
And strangers ne're beheld, but wondred at,
Whose men and dames so ietted and adorn'd,
Like one anothers glasse to trim them by:
Their tables were stor'd full, to glad the sight,
And not so much to feede on as delight,
All pouerty was scornd, and pride so great,
The name of helpe grew odious to repeat.

Dion. Oh tis true.

Cleon. But see what heauen can do by this our change:

These

Theſe mouthes, who but of late, earth, ſea, and ayre,
Were all too little to content and pleaſe,
Although they gaue their creatures in abundance:
As houſes are defiled for want of vſe,
They are now ſtaru'd for want of exercile;
Thoſe palates, who not yet two ſauers younger,
Muſt haue inuentions to delight the taſte,
Would now be glad of bred, and beg for it:
Theſe mothers, who to nouzell vp their babes,
Thought nought too curious, are reddy now
To eate thoſe little darlings whom they loued,
So ſharpe are hungers teeth, that man and wife,
Draw lots who firſt ſhall dye to lengthen life.
Here ſtands a Lord, and there a Lady weeping,
Heere many ſinke, yet thoſe that ſee them fall,
Haue ſcarle ſtrength to giue them buriell.
Is not this true?

Dion. Our cheekes and hollow eyes do witneſſe it.

Cleon. O let thoſe Cities that of plenties cup.
And her proſperities ſo largely taſte,
With their ſuperfluous ryots heare theſe teares,
The miſery of *Tharſus* may be theirs.

Enter a Lord.

Lord. Wher's the Lord Gouernor?

Cleon. Here, ſpeake out thy ſorrowes, which thou bring'ſt in haſte, for comfort is to farre for vs to expect.

Lord. We haue deſcried vpon our neighbouring ſhore,
A portly ſayle of ſhips make hither ward.

Cleon. I thought as much.
One ſorrow neuer comes but brings an heyre,
That may ſucceed as his inheritour:
And ſo in ours: ſome neighbouring Nation,
Taking aduantage of our miſery,
That ſtuft the hollow veſſels with there power,
To beate vs downe the which are downe already,
And make a conqueſt of vnhappy me,
Whereas no glory is got to ouercome.

Lord. That's the leaſt feare.
For by the ſemblance of their white flags diſpaird, they bring vs
Peace, and come to vs as fauourours, not as foes.
Cleon. Thou ſpeak'ſt like hymmes vnturer'd to repeat
Who makes the faireſt ſhew, meanes moſt deceit.
But bring they what they will, and what they can,
What need we feare, the ground's the lowreſt,
And we are halfe way there: Goe tell their Generall wee attend
him heere to know for what he comes, and whence he comes, &
what he craues.
Lord. I goe my Lord.
Cleon. Welcome is peace, if he on peace conſiſt;
If warres we are vnable to reſiſt.

Enter Pericles with attendants.

Per. Lord Gouernor, for ſo we heare you are,
Let not our ſhips and number of our men,
Be like a Beacon fired, to amaze your eyes,
We haue heard your miſeries as farre as *Tyre*.
And ſeene the deſolation of your ſtreetes,
Nor come we to adde ſorrow to your teares,
But to releaſe them of their heauy load,
And theſe our ſhips you happily may thinke,
Are like the Troian horſe, was ſtuft within
With bloody veines expecting ouerthrow,
Are ſtor'd with corne, to make your needy bread,
And gine them life, whom hunger ſtaru'd halfe dead.
Omnes. The Gods of Greece protect you,
And wee'l pray for you.
Per. Arife I pray you, ariſe; wee doe not looke for reuerence,
but for loue and harborage for our ſelfe, our ſhips, and men.
Cleon The which when any ſhall not gratifie,
Or pay you with vnthankfulneſſe in thought,
Be it our wiues, our children, or our ſelues,
The curſe of heauen and men ſucceed their euils:
Till when, the which (I hope) ſhall neere be ſeene:
Your Grace is welcome to our Towne and vs.

Per.

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Per. Which welcome wee'l accept, feast here a while,
Vntill our Starre that frowne, lend vs a smile. *Exeunt*

Enter Gower.

Gower. Here haue you seene a mighty King,
His child I wis to incest bring:
A better Prince and benigne Lord,
That will proue awfull both in deed and word.
Be quiet then, as men should be,
Till he hath past necessity:
Ile shew you those in troubles reigne,
Losing a myte, a Mountaine gaine:
The good in conuersation,
To whom I giue my benizon,
Is still at Tharsus, where each man
Thinks all is writ he speoken can:
And to remember what he does,
Build his Statue to make him glorious:
But tydings to the contrary,
Are brought your eyes, what need I speake

Dumbe Show,

Enter at one doore Pericles talking with Cleon, all the Traine with them. Enter at another doore, a Gentleman with a letter to Pericles; Pericles shewes the letter to Cleon, Pericles gives the Messenger a reward, and Knights him.

Exit Pericles at one doore Cleon at another.

Good *Helicon* that staid at home.
Not to eate hony like a Drone,
From others labours; for though he striue
To killen bad keepe good aliue:
And to fulfill his princes desire,
Sau'd one of all that haps in *Tyre*:
How *Thaliard* came full bent with sinne,
And had intent to murder him;
And that in *Tharsis* was not best,
Longer for him to make his rest:

He doing ſo, put foorth to Seas,
Where when men bin, there's ſildome eaſe,
For now the winde begins to blow,
Thunder aboue, and deepes below,
Makes ſuch vnquiet, that the ſhip
Should houſe him ſafe, is wrackt and ſplit,
And he (good Prince) hauing all loſt,
By waues, from coaſt is toſt:
All perishen of man of pelfe,
Ne ought eſcapen'd but himſelfe;
Till fortune tried with doing bad,
Threw him a ſhore to giue him glad:
And heere he comes; what ſhall be next.
Pardon old *Gower*, this long's the Text.

Enter Pericles wet.

Per. Yet ceaſſe your ire, your angry Stars of heauen
Winde, Raine, and Thunder: Remember earthly man
Is but a ſubſtance that muſt yeeld to you:
And I (as fits my nature) do obey you.
Alaſſe, the Seas hath caſt me on the Rockes,
Waſht me from ſhore to ſhore, and left my breath
Nothing to thinke on, but enſuing death:
Let it ſuffice the greatneſſe of your powers,
To haue bereft a prince of all his fortunes,
And hauing throwne him from your watry grone,
Here to haue death in peace, is all hee'l craue.

Enter three fiſhermen.

1. What, to pelch?
2. Ha, come and bring away the Nets.
1. What patch-breech, I ſay.
3. What ſay you Maſter?
1. Looke how thou ſtirreſt now.
Come away or Ile fetch thee with a wanion.
3. Faith Maſter, I am thinking of the poore men
That were caſt away before vs, euen now.

1. Alaſſe

2. Alasse poore soules, it grieued my heart to heare
What pittifull cries they made to vs, to helpe them,
When (welladay) we could scarsely helpe our selues.
3. Nay Master, said not I as much,
When I saw the Porpas, how he bounst and tumbled?
They say, they are halfe fish, halfe flesh:
a plague on them, they nere come but I looke to be washt
Master, I Marueil how the fishes liue in the Sea?
1. Why as men do a Land,
The great ones eat vp the little ones:
I can compare our rich Misers, to nothing so fitly
As to a Whale; he plaies and tumbles,
Driuing the poore Fry before him,
And at last deuoure them all at a mouthfull.
Such whales haue I heard on a'th land,
who neuer leaue gaping, till they swallowed
The whole Parish, Church, Steeple, Bels and all.
Per. A pretty Morall.
3. But Master, if I had beene the Sexton,
I would haue bene that day in the Belfrey.
2. Why man?
3. Because he should haue swallowed me too,
And when I had beene in his belly,
I would haue kept such a iangling of the bels,
That he would neuer haue left,
Till he cast Bels steeple, Church and Parish vp againe:
But if the good King *Simonides* were of my minde,
Per. Simonides?
3. We would purge the land of these drones,
That rob the Bee of her hony.
Per. How from the fenny subiect of the sea,
These fishers tell the infirmities of men,
And from their watry Empire recollect,
All that may men approue, or men detect.
Peace be at your labour, honest fishermen.
2. Honest, good fellow, what's that, if it be a day fits you,
Search out of the Kalender, and no body looke after it?

Per. May see the sea hath cast vpon your coast.

2. What a drunken knaue was the sea,
To cast thee in our way.

Per. A man whom both the waters and the winds
In that vast Tennis-Court, hath made the Ball
For them to play vpon, intreats you pitty him:
He asks of you, that neuer vs'd to beg.

1. No friend, cannot you beg?
Heer's them in our Country of *Greece*,
Gets more with begging, then we can do with working.

2. Can'st thou catch any Fishes then?

Per. I neuer practiz'd it.

2. Nay then thou wilt starue sure; for here's nothing
to be got now-adaies vnlesse thou can'st fish for't.

Per. What I haue beene, I haue forgot to know;
But what I am, want teaches me to think on.
A man throngd vp with cold, my veines are chill,
And haue no more of life then may suffice
To giue my tongue that heate to aske your helpe:
Which if you shall refuse when I am dead,
For that I am a man, pray see me buried.

1. Die ke- tha, now gods forbid, I haue a gowne heere, come
put it on, keepe thee warme: now a foot me a lustie lither fellow:
Come, thou shalt goe home, and we'l haue flesh for all dayes, fish
for fasting dayes and more; or Puddings and Flap-iacks, and
thou shalt be welcome.

Per. I thanke you sir.

2. Harke you my friend, You said you could not beg.

Per. I did but crane.

2. But crane? then Ile turne craner too,
And so I shall scape whipping.

Per. why, are all your beggers whipt then?

2. Oh not all, my friend, not all: for if all your beggers were
whipt I would wish no better office, then to be Beadle. But Mas-
ter Ile go draw the net.

Per. How well this honest mirth becomes their labour?

1. Harke you sir, do you know where ye are?

Per.

Per. Not well.

1. I tell you, this is called *Pentapolis*.
And our King, the good *Symonides*.

Per. The good King *Symonides*, do you call him?

1. I sir, and he deserues so to be call'd,
For his peaceable raigne, and good gouernment.

Per. He is a happy King, since he gaines from
His Subiects, the name of good, by his gouernment.
How farre is his Court distant from this shore?

1. Marry sir, halfe a dales iourney: and Ile tell you, hee hath a faire daughter, and to morrow is her birth-day, and there are Princes and Knights come from all parts of the world, to Iust & Turney for her loue.

Per. Were my fortunes equall to my desires,
I could wish to make one there.

1. O sir, things must be as they may: and what a man cannot get, he may lawfully deale for his wiues soule.

Enter the two Fishermen drawing vp a Net.

2. Helpe, Master, helpe, heere's fish hangs in the Net, like a poore mans right in the law, twill hardly come out. Ha bots on't, tis come at last, and tis turnd to a rusty Armour.

Per. An Armour, friends, I pray you let me see it.
Thanks Fortune, yet that after all crosses,
Thou giuest me somewhat to repaire my selfe:
And though it was mine owne, part of my heritage
Which my dead father did bequeathe me,
With this strict charge, euen as he left his life:
Keepe it, my *Pericles*, it hath beene a shield
Twixt me and death: and pointed to this Prayse:
For that it saued me, keepe it in like necessity:
The Which the gods protect thee, Fame may defend thee.
It kept where I kept, I so dearely loued it:
Till the rough Seas (that spares not any man)
Tooke it in rage, though calm'd hath giuen't againe.
I thanke thee for't, my shipwrack now's no ill,
Since I haue here my rathest gift in's will.

what meane you sir?

Per. To beg of you (kinde friends) this coate of worth,
For it was sometime Target to a King,
I know it by this marke; he lou'd me dearely:
And for his sake I wish the hauing of it:
And that you'd guide me to your Soueraigne Court,
Where with it I may appeare a Gentleman:
And if that euer my low fortune's better
Ile pay your bounties; till then rest your debter.

1. Why wilt thou turney for the Lady?

Per. Ile shew the vertue I haue borne in Armes.

1. why take it and the gods giue thee good on't.

2. But hearke you my friend, t'was we that made vp this garment through the rough seames of the waters: there are certaine condolements, certaine vailes; I hope sir, if you thriue, you'l remember from whence you had them.

Per. Beleeue it: I will:
By your furtherance I am cloathd in Steele,
And spight of all the rupture of the sea,
This Iewell holds his building on my arme;
Vnto thy value I will mount my selfe.
Vpon a Courser, whose delight steps,
Shall make the gazer ioy to see him tread;
Onely (my friend) I yet am vnprouided of a payre of Base.

2. Wee'l sure prouide, thou shalt haue
My best gowne to make thee a paire;
And Ile bring thee to the Court my selfe.

Per. Then honour be but a Goale to my will,
this day Ile rise, or else adde ill, to ill.

Enter Simonides with attendants and Thaisa.

King. Are the Knights ready to begin the Triumph?

1. *Lord* They are my Liege, and stay your comming
To present themselues.

King. Returne them, we are ready, and our daughter heere.
In honour of whose birth, these triumphs are,
Sits here like beauties children whom Nature gat

For

For men to see, and seeing wonder at.

Thal. It pleaseth you (my royall father) to expresse
My commendations great, whose merites lesse

King. It's fit it should be so; for Princes are
A modell which heauen makes like it selfe.
As Iewels lost their glory if neglected,
So Princes their renownes, if not Respected
Tis now your honour (Daughter) to entertaine
The labour of each Knight in his deuice.

Thai. Which to preserue mine honour, Ile performe.

The first Knight passes by.

King. Who is the first, that doth preferre himselfe?

Thai. A Knight of *Sparta* (my renowned father)
And the deuice he beares vpon his shield,
Is a blacke Ethyope reaching at the Sunne;
The word; *Lux tua vita mihi.*

King. He loues you well, that holds his life of you.

The second Knight.

Who is the second, that presents himselfe?

Thai. A prince of *Macedon* (my royall Father)
And the deuice he beares vpon his Shield,
Is an armed Knight, that's conquered by a Lady.
The Motto thus in Spanish. *Pues Per dolores que per forsa*

The third Knight.

King. And what's the third?

Thai. The third of *Antioch*; and his deuice,
A wreathe of Chiualry: the word, *Me Pompey prouexit apex.*

The fourth Knight.

King. What is the fourth?

Thai. A burning Torch that's turned vpside downe;
The word; *Qui me alit me extinguit.*

King. Which shewes that beauty hath his power and will,
Which can as well inflame, as it can kill.

The fift Knight.

Thai. The fift, an hand enuironed with clouds,
Holding out gold, that's by the touch-stone tride:

The

The Motto thus: *Sic ſpectandus fidei.*

The firſt Knights.

King. And what's the fixt and laſt, the which the Knight himſelfe with ſuch a graceſull courteſie deliuered?

Thai. He ſeemes to bee a ſtranger: but his Deuice is
A withered Branch, that's only greene at top;
The Motto, *In hac ſpe viuo.*

King. A pretty morrall; from the deiected ſtate wherein he is he hopes by you his fortune yet may flouriſh.

1. *Lord.* He had need meane better then his outward ſhow can any way ſpeake in his iuſt commend: For by his ruſtie out-ſide, hee appeares to haue practiſed more the Whipſtocke, then the Lance.

2. *Lord.* He well may be a ſtranger, for he comes to an honord triumph ſtrangely furniſht.

3. *Lord.* And on ſet purpoſe let his armour ruſt
Vntill this day, to ſcowre it in the duſt.

King. Opinion's but a foole, that makes vs ſcan
The out ward habite, by the inward man.
But ſtay, the Knights are comming.
We will with-draw into the Gallery.

Great ſhoutes, and all cry. The mourne Knight.

Enter the King and Knights from tilting.

King. Knights, to ſay you're welcome were ſuperfluous.
I place vpon the volume of your deedes.
As in a Title page, your worth in armes;
Were more then you expect, or more then's fit,
Since euery worth in ſhew commends it ſelfe:
Prepare for mirth, for mirth comes at a feaſt.
You are princes and my gueſts,

Thai. But you my Knight and gueſt,
To whom this wreathe of victory I giue,
And Crowne you King of this dayes happineſſe.

Per: 'Tis more by fortune (Lady) then by merit.

King. Call it by what you will, the day is yours,
And here, I hope, is none that enuies it:

In framing an Artiſt, Art hath thus decreed,
To make ſome good, but others to exceed,
And you her laboured ſcholler come Queene of th' feaſt,
For (daughter ſo you are, here take your place)
Martiall the reſt, as they deſerue his grace.
Knights. We are honoured much by good *Simonides*.
King. Your preſent glads our dayes honour we loue,
For who hates honour hates the God aboue.
Marſh. Sir yonder is your place.
Per. Some other is more fit.
1. *Knight.* Contend not Sir for we are gentlemen,
That neither in our hearts nor outward eyes
Enuy the great, or doe the low deſpiſe.
You are right courteous Knights.
King. Sit, ſit, ſit,
By *Iouo* (I wonder) that is King of thoughts,
Theſe Cates reſiſt me, he not thought vpon.
Thai. By *Iuno* (that is Queene of Mariage)
All Viands that I eate do ſeeme vnſauory,
Wiſhing him my meat: ſure hee's a gallant gentleman.
King. Hee's but a country gentleman, has done no more
Then other Knights haue done, has broke a ſtaffe,
Or ſo; let it paſſe.
Thai. To me he ſeemed a Diomond to glaſſe.
Per. You King'sto me, like to my fathers picture,
Which tels me in that glory once he was,
And Princes ſat like ſtars about his Throne,
And he the Sun, for them to reuerence;
None that beheld him but like leſſer lights,
Did vaile their Crownes to his ſupremacy;
Where now his ſonne like a Glo-worme in the night,
The which hath fire in darkneſſe none in light:
Whereby I ſee that time's the King of men,
For hee's their parents and he is their graue,
And giues them what he will not what they craue.
King. what are you merry, Knights?
Knights. Who can be other in this royall preſence?

King. Heere with a cup that's fluid vnto the brim,
As you do loue, fill to your Miſtris lips,
We drinke his health to you.
Knight. We thanke your grace.
King. Yet pauſe a while; yon Knight ſits too melancholy.
As if the entertainment in our Court,
Had not a ſhew might countervaile his worth:
Note it not you *Thaiſa*?
Thai. What is't to me my father?
King. O, attend my daughter,
Princes in this ſhould liue like Gods aboue,
Who freely giues to euery one that come to honour them:
And Princes not doing ſo, are like to Gnats,
Which make a ſound, but kild, are wondred at:
Therefore to make his entrance more ſweet,
Heere, ſay we drinke this ſtanding boule of wine to him.
Thai. Alaſſe my father, it beſits not me,
Vnto a ſtranger Knight to bee ſo bold,
He may my proffer take for an offence,
Since men take womens guifts for impudence.
King. How? do as I bid you or you'l moue me elſe.
Thai. Now by the Gods, he could not pleaſe me better.
King. And futhermore tell him, we deſire to know of him,
Of whence he is, his name and parentage. *She caries him the cup.*
Thai. The King my father (ſir) hath drunke to you.
Per. I thanke him.
Thai. Wiſhing it ſo much blood vnto your life.
Per. I thanke both him and you, and pledge him freely. *He drinkes.*
Thai. And further he deſires to know of you,
Of whence you are, your name and Parentage.
Per. A gentleman of *Tyre*, my name *Pericles*,
My education being in Artes and armes;
Who looking for aduentures in the world,
Was by the rough ſeas reft of ſhips and men,
And after ſhipwracke, driuen vpon this ſhore.
Thai. He thankes your Grace; names himſelfe *Pericles*,
A gentleman of *Tyre*, who onely by miſfortune of the ſeas,

Bereſt

Bereft of ships and men, cast on the shore.
King. Now by the Gods, I pitty his misfortune
And will awake him from his melancholy.
Come gentlemen, we sit too long on trifles,
And waste the time, which lookes for other revels.
Euen in your armours as you are addrest,
Will well become a Souldiers dance:
I will not haue excuse with saying this
Lowd musicke is too harsh for Ladies heads,
Since they loue men in Armes, as well as beds.
They dance.
So, this was well asked, t'was so well performde,
Come sir heere's a Lady that wants breathing too:
And I haue heard, you Knights of *Tyre*,
Are excellent in making Ladies trip,
And that their measures are excellent.
Per. In those that practise them, they are (my Lord.)
King. Oh that's as much as you would be denyed
Of your faire courtesie: vnclasp, vnclasp.
They dance.
Thankes gentlemen to all; all haue done well,
But you the best: Pages and Lights, to conduct
These Knights vnto their seuerall Lodgings:
Yours sir, we haue giuen order be next our owne.
Per. I am at your Graces pleasure.
King. Princes, it is too late to talke of loue,
And that's the mischiefe I know you louers are;
Therefore each one betake him to his rest,
To morrow, all for speeding do their best.

Enter Helicanus and Esmons.

Hel. No *Esmons*, know this of me,
Antiochus from incest liued not free:
For which, the most high Gods not minding
Longer to with-hold the vengeance that
They had in store, due to his heynous
Capitall offence; cleft vp the head and pride

Of all his glory, when he was seated in
A Chariot of an inestimable value, and his daughter
With him; a fire from heauen came and shriueld
Vp those bodies euen to loathing, for they so stunke,
That all those eyes adorn'd them, ere their fall,
Scorne now their hand should giue them buriall.

Escanes. It was very strange.

Hel. And yet by iustice; for though this King were great,
His greatnesse was no guard to barre heauens shaft.
By Sinne had his reward.

Escan. Tis very true.

Enter two or three Lords.

1. *Lord.* See, not a man in priuate conference,
Or counsell, hath respect with him but he.

2. *Lord.* It shall no longer greeue without reproofe.

3. *Lord* And curst be he that will not second it.

1. *Lord.* Follow me then: Lord *Helicane*, a word.

Hel. With me? and welcome, happy day my Lords.

1. *Lord.* Know that our griefes are risen to the top,
And now at length they ouer-flow their bankes.

Hel. Your griefes, for what?
Wrong not your Prince your loue.

1. *Lord* Wrong not your selfe then noble *Helicane*,
But if the Prince do liue, let vs salute him,
Or know what ground's made happy by his breath:
If in the world he liues wee'l seeke him out:
If in his graue he rest, wee'l find him there,
And be resolu'd he liues to gouerne vs:
Or dead, giues cause to mourne his funerall,
And leaue vs to our free Election.

2. *Lord*, Whose death indeed, the strongest in our censure,
And knowing this Kingdome is without a head,
Like goodly buildings left without a Roofe,
Soone fall to ruine: your noble selfe,
That best knowes how to rule and how to raigne.
We thus submit vnto our Soueraigne.

Gower

Omnes. Liue noble *Helicon.*

Hel. Try honours cause; forbeare your suffrages:
If that you loue Prince *Perides*, forbeare,
(Take I your wish, I leape into the seas
Where's howling troubles for a minutes ease)
A twelue month longer, let me intreate you
To forbeare the absence of your King;
If in which time expired, he not returne,
I shall with aged patience beare your yoke.
But if I cannot win you to this loue,
Go search like Noblles, like noble Subiects,
And in such search, spend your aduentrous worth,
Whom if you find, and win to this accorde
You shall like Diamonds sit about his Crowne.

1. *Lord.* To wishfull, hee's a theame that will not yeeld,
And since Lord *Helicon* enioyneth vs,
We with our trauels will content vs.

Hel. Then you loue vs, we you, and wee'l clippe hands,
When Peeres thus knit, a Kingdome may withstands. *Exe.*

Enter the King reading of a letter, at one doore, and the Knights meete him.

1. *Knight.* Good morrow to the good *Simonides.*

King. Knights, from my daughter this I let you know,
That for this twelue month, shee'l not vouchsafe
A married life: Her reason to herselfe is only knowne,
Which from her by no meanes can I get.

2. *Knight.* May we not get accesse to her (my Lord)

King. Faith by no meanes, she hath so strictly
Tyed her to her chamber, that tis impossible:
One twelue Moones time shee'l weare *Dianas* liuery:
This by the eye of *Cynthia* hath shee vowed,
And on her Virgin honour will not breake.

3. *Knight.* Leth vs bid farewell, we take our leaues.

King. So, they are well dispatcht,
Now to my daughters Letter; shee tels me heere,
Shee'l wed the stranger Knight.

Or neuer more to view nor day nor light.
'Tis well Mistris, your choice agrees with mine,
I like that well: nay how absolute she's in it,
Not minding whether I dislike or no.
Well, I do commend her choyce, and will no longer
Haue it be delayed: soft, heere he comes,
I must dissemble it.

Enter Pericles.

Per. All fortune to the good *Simonides.*

King. To you as much: Sir, I am beholding to you,
For your sweet musicke this last night:
I do protest my eares were neuer better fed
With such delightfull pleasing harmony.

Per. It is your graces pleasure to commend,
Not my desert.

King. Sir, You are Musicks master.

Per. The worst of all her schollers (my good Lord)

King. Let me aske you one thing.
What do you thinke of my daughter, sir?

Per. A most vertuous Princesse.

King. And shee's faire too, is she not?

Per. As a faire day in Summer; wondrous faire.

King. Sir my daughter thinkes very well of you,
I so well that you must be her master,
And she will be your Scholler; therefore looke to it.

Per. I am vnworthy to be her schoolemaster.

King. She thinkes not so; peruse this writing else.

Per. What's heere, a letter, that she loues the Knight of *Tyre*
'Tis the Kings subtilty to haue my life:
Oh seeke not to intrap me gracious Lord,
A stranger and distressed gentleman,
That neuer aimde so high to loue your daughter,
But bent all office to honour her.

King. Thou hast bewitcht my daughter,
And thou art a villaine.

Per. By the Gods I haue not; neuer did thought

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Of mine lowly offering, [illegible]
Yet commence, a deed [illegible]
Or your displeasure.
King. Traitor, thou [illegible]
Per. Traytor?
King. I traytor.
Per. Euen in his throate, vnlesse he be King,
That cals me traitor, I return the [illegible]
King. Now by the Gods I do applaud his courage.
Per. My actions are as noble as my thoughts,
That neuer relisht of a base descent:
I came vnto your Court for honours sake,
And not to be a rebell to your state:
And he that otherwise accounts of me,
This sword shall prooue he's honours enemy.
King. No? here comes my daughter, she can witnesse it.

[Enter the Daughter.]

Per. Then as you are as [illegible]
Resolue your angry father, if my tongue
Did ere solicite, or my hand subscribe
To any syllable that made loue to you?
That. Why sir if you had, who shall chide you for it?
At that would make me glad?
King. Yea mistris, are you so peremptory?
I am glad of it with all my heart,
Ile tame you Ile bring you in subiection. *Aside.*
Will you not hauing my consent,
Bestow your loue and your affections,
Vpon a stranger? who for ought I know, *Aside.*
May be (nor can I thinke the contrary)
As great in blood as I my [illegible]
Therefore heare you mistris, either [illegible]
Your will to mine; and you sir heare you,
Either be rul'd by me, or Ile [illegible]
Mate and wife; nay, come your hands
And lips must seale it too: [illegible] Ile

Ile thus your hopes deſtroy, and for further griefe,
God giue you ioy; what, are you both pleaſed?

Thai. Yes, if you loue me ſir.

Per. Euen as my life or blood that foſters it.

King. What are you both agreed?

Amb. Yes if it pleaſe your maieſty.

King It pleaſeth me ſo well, that I will ſee you wed,
And then with what haſt you can, get you to bed.

Enter Gower, Exeunt.

Now ſleepe ſlaked hath the rout,
No din but ſnores about the houſe.
Made lowder by the o're-fed beaſt,
Of this moſt pompous marriage feaſt:
The Cat with eyne of Burning coale,
Now couches from the Mouſes hole;
And Cricket ſing at the ouens mouth,
Are the blither for their drouth:
Hymen hath brought the Bride to bed,
Whereby the loſſe of maiden-head,
A babe is moulded, by attene,
And time that is ſo briefly ſpent,
With your fine fancies quaintly each,
What's dumbe in ſhew, Ile plaine with ſpeech.

Dumbe Shew.

Enter Pericles & Simonides at an doore with attendants, a Meſſenger meetes them, kneeles, & giues Pericles a letter, Pericles ſhewes it Simonides, the Lords kneele to him; then enter Thaiſa with child, with Lychorida a Nurſe, the King ſhewes her the letter ſhe reioyces: ſhe and Pericles take leaue of her father, and depart.

By many a dearne and painefull pearch
Of *Pericles*, the carefull ſearch,
By the foure oppoſing Crignes,
Which the World together ioynes,
Is made with all due diligence,
That horſe and ſaile, and high expence,
Can ſteed the queſt at laſt from *Tyre*,

Fame

Fame answering the most strange enquire,
To'th Court of King *Symonides*,
Are letters brought, the tenour these:
Antiochus and his daughter's dead,
The men of *Tyrus* on the head
Of *Helicanus* would set on
The crowne of *Tyre*, but he will none:
The mutany, he there hastes t'oppresse,
Sayes to them, if King *Pericles*
Come not home in twice fiue Moones,
He obedient to their doomes,
Will take the Crowne: the sum of this
Brought hither to *Pentapolis*,
Ioyfully did the Regions round,
And every one with claps can sound,
Our heyre apparant is a King:
Who dreampt? who thought of such a thing?
Briefe, he must hence depart to *Tyre*,
His Queene with childe, makes her desire,
Which who shall cross along to goe,
Omit we all their dole and woe:
Lychorida her Nurse she takes,
And so to sea, their vessell shakes,
On *Neptunes* billow, halfe the flood,
Hath their Keele cut: but fortune moou'd
Varies againe the grisled North
Disgorges such a tempest forth,
That as a Duche for life that drives.
So vp and downe the poore ship dives:
The lady shrieckes, and well-a-neere,
Doth fall in trauile with her feare:
And what ensues in this fell storme,
Shall for it selfe, it selfe performe.
I will relate, action may
Conueniently the rest conuay
Which might not? what by me is told;
In your imagination hold:

This Stage, the Ship, vpon whose Decke,
The seas toſt *Pericles*, appeares to ſpeake.

Exit Gower.

Enter Pericles on ſhipboord.

Per. The God of this great vaſt, rebuke theſe ſurges
Which waſh both heauen and hell, and thou haſt
Vpon the Windes command, binde them in Braſſe
Hauing cald them from the deepe, O ſtill
Thy dearning dreadfull thunders, daily quench
Thy nimble ſulpherous flaſhes: O how *Lichorida*?
How does my Queene? then ſtorme venomouſly,
Wilt thou ſpeat all thy ſelfe? the Sea mans whiſtle
Is a whiſper in the eares of death,
Vnheard *Lichorida*? *Lucina*, oh!
Diuineſt patroneſſe, and my wife, gentle
To theſe that cry by night, conuey thy Deity
Aboard our dauncing Boat, may ſwift the pangs
Of my Queenes trauailes. Now *Lichorida*.

Enter Lychorida.

Lych. Heere is nothing tod young for ſuch a place,
Who if it had conceit, would die, as I am like to do:
Take in your armes this peece of your dead Queene.

Per. How now *Lychorida*?

Lych. Patience good ſir do not aſſiſt the ſtormes.
Heere's all that is left liuing of your Queene,
A little Daughter, for the ſake of it,
Be manly, and take comfort.

Per. O you Gods!
Why do you make vs loue your goodly gifts,
And ſnatch them ſtraight away?
We heere below, recall not what we giue,
And therein may vſe honour with you.

Lych. Patience good ſir, euen for this charge.

Per. Now milde may be thy life,
For a more bluſterous birth, had neuer Babe;
Quiet and gentle thy condition;
For thou art the rudeſteſt welcome to this world,

That

That euer was Princes child happy in the following.
Thou haſt as chiding a Nativity,
As Fire, Ayre, Water, Earth, and Heauen can make,
To haſtold thee from thy Cradle vntimely,
Euen at the firſt, thy loſſe is more then can
Thy portage quite againſt all thy kinred,
Now the good Gods throw their beſt eyes vpon it.

Enter two Saylors.

1. *Sayl.* What courage ſir? God ſend you a calme for your owne ſake.
Per. Courage enough, I do not feare the ſtorme,
It hath done to me the worſt: yet for the loue
Of this poore infant, this freſh new ſea-farer,
I would it would be calme.
1. *Sayl.* Slack then the ſailes, ſo driue forward, that the maſter
Blow and ſplit thy ſelfe.
2. *Sayl.* But ſea-roome, and the brine and clowdy billow
kiſſe the Moone: I care not.
1. *Sayl.* Sir, your Queene muſt ouer board,
The ſea workes hie, the wind is lowder,
And will not lye till the ſhip be clear'd of the dead.
Per. That's your ſuperſtition.
1. Pardon vs ſir; with vs at Sea it hath been ſtill obſerued: And we reuerence thoſe in whom we ſhall be ſaued, moſt willingly: Therefore briefly yeeld her.
Per. As you thinke meete, for ſhe muſt ouer board ſtraight.
Moſt wretched Queene!
Lych. Heere ſhe lies ſir.
Per. A terrible childe-bed haſt thou had (my deare)
No light, no fire, the vnfriendly Elements
Forgot thee vtterly: nor haue I time
To bring thee hallowd to thy graue, but ſtraight
Muſt caſt thee ſcarſely coffind in oare,
Where for a Monument vpon thy bones,
The ayre remaining lampes, the beeting Whale,
And humming waters muſt o're-ſwell the corps
Lying with ſimple ſhels: O *Lychorida*,
Bid *Nicander* bring me the Spices, Inck-horne and Paper,
My Caskets and my Iewels, and bid *Nicander*

Bring me the Satin Coffin; lay the Babe
Vpon the Pillow; hie thee, whiles I say
A priestly farewell to her: sodainely, woman.
2. Sir, we haue a Chest beneath the hatches,
Caulkt and bittumed ready.
Per. I thanke thee: Mariner say what coast is this?
2. We are neere *Tharsus*.
Per. Thither gentle Mariner,
Alter thy course for *Tyre*, when canst thou reach it?
2. By breake of day, if the winde cease.
Per. O make for *Tharsus*,
There will I visite *Cleon* for the Babe
Cannot hold out to *Tyrus*; there Ile leaue it
At carefull nursing: goe thy wayes good Mariner,
Ile bring the body presently.
Exit.

Enter Lord Cerymon with a Seruant.

Cer. *Philemon*, hoe.

Enter Philemon.

Phyl. Doth my Lord call?
Cer. Get fire and meate for these poore men,
It hath beene a turbulent and stormy night.
Ser. I haue beene in many; but such a night as this,
Till now I neare indured.
Cer. Your Master will be dead ere you returne,
Ther's nothing can be ministred to nature,
That can recouer him: giue this to the Pothecary,
And tell me how it workes.

Enter two Gentlemen.

1. *Gent.* Good morrow.
2. *Gent.* Good morrow to your Lordship.
Cer. Gentlemen, why do you stirre so early?
1. *Gent.* Sir, our lodgings standing bleake vpon the sea
Shooke as if the earth did quake:
The very principles did seeme to rend and all to topple,
Pure surprize and feare, made me to leaue the house.

2. *Gent.*

2. *Gent.* That is the cauſe wee trouble you ſo early.
Tis not our husbandry.

Cer. O you ſay well.

1. *Gent.* But I much marualle that your Lordſhip
Hauing rich attire about you, ſhould at theſe early houres
Shake off the golden ſlumber of repoſe: tis moſt ſtrange
Nature ſhould be ſo conuerſant with paine,
Being thereto not compelled.

Cer. I hold it euer Vertue and Cunning.
Were endwomens greater, then Nobleneſſe and Richer,
Careleſſe heyres may the two latter darken and expend;
But immortality attends the former,
Making a man a God:
Tis knowne, I euer ſtudied Phyſicke,
Through which ſecret Art, by turning ore Authority,
I haue together with my practiſe, made familiar
To me and to my aide, the beſt infuſions that dwels
In Vegitiues, in Mettals, Stones: and can ſpeake of the
Diſturbances that Nature works, and of her cures;
Which doth giue me a more content in courſe of true delight
Then to be thirſty after tottering Honour,
Or tye my pleaſure vp in ſilken Bags,
To pleaſe the Foole and Death.

2. *Gent.* Your honour hath through *Epheſus*,
poured forth your charity, and hudereds call themſelues
Your Creatures; who by you haue beene reſtored,
And not your knowledge, your perſonall paine,
But euen your purſe ſtill open, hath built Lord *Cerimon*
Such ſtrong renowne, as neuer ſhall decay.

Enter two or three with a Cheſt.

Ser. So, lift there.

Cer. What's that?

Ser. Sir, euen now did the ſea toſſe vP vpon our ſhoure
This Cheſt; tis of ſome wracke.

Cer. Set it downe, let vs looke vpon it.

Gent. Tis like a Coffin, ſir.

Cer. What the it be, it wondrous heauy,
Wrench it open straight:
If the seas stomacke be ore-charg'd with gold,
Tis a good constellation for some rotten carkasse.
2. *Gent.* It is so my Lord.
Cer. How close it'h caulkt and bottomed, this the sea hath done?
Ser. I neuer saw so huge a billow sir, as tost it vpon shore.
Cer. Wrench it open; it smels most sweetly in my sense.
2. *Gent.* A delicate odour.
Cer. As euer hit my nostrill: so vp with it.
Oh you most potent Gods! what's here, a Corse?
2. *Gen.* Most strange.
Cer. Shrowded in cloth of state, balmd and entreasured
With full bags of spices, a Passport too apparant!
Perfect me in the Characters.

Heere I giue to vnderstand,
If euer this Coffin driues aland,
I King Pericles haue lost
This Queene, worth all our mundaine cost.
Who finds her, giue her burying,
She was the daughter of a King:
Besides this treasure for a fee,
The Gods requite his charity.

If thou liuest *Pericles*, thou hast a heart
That euen cracks for woe this chance'd to night.
2. *Gent.* Most likely sir.
Cer. Nay certainely to night, for look how fresh she looks,
They were too rough, that threw her in the sea.
Make a fire within, fetch hither all my Boxes in my Closet,
Death may vsurpe on nature many howres.
And yet the fire of life kindle againe the ore-prest spirits,
I heard of an Egyptian that had nine houres bene dead,
Who was by good appliance recouered,

Enter one with Napkins and Fire.

Well said, well said, the fire and cloathes,

The

The rough and woful welcome that we haue?
Cause it to sound, beseech you.
The Viall once more? how thou stirr'st thou blocke?
The musicke there. I pray you giue her wyte;
Gentlemen, this Queene will liue;
Nature awakes a warme breath out of her;
She hath not been entranc't aboue fiue houres,
See how she gins to blow into life's flower againe.

1. *Gent.* The heauens through you, increase our wonder,
And sets vp your fame for euer.

Cer. She is aliue, behold her eyelids,
Cases to those heauenly iewels which *Pericles* hath lost;
Begin to part their fringes of bright gold,
The Diamonds of a most praised water doth appeare,
To make the world twice rich, liue, and make vs weepe,
To heare your fate, fair creature, rarer than seeme to be.

She moues.

That, O deare *Diana*, where am I? where's my Lord?
What world is this?

2. *Gent.* Is not this strange?

1. *Gent.* Most rare.

Cer. Hush (my gentle neighbours) lend me your hands,
To the next chamber beare her, get linnen;
Now this master must be lookt too, for the relapse
Is mortall, come, come, and *Esculapius* guide vs.

They carrie her away. *Exeunt omnes.*

Enter Pericles at Tharsus, with Cleon Dionisa.

Per. Most honoured *Cleon*, I must needs be gone,
My twelue months are expirde, and Tyre stands
In a peace: you and your Lady take from my heart
All thankfulnesse, The Gods make vp the rest vpon you
Cleon. Your shakes of fortune, though they haunt you.
Mortally, yet glance full wondringly on vs.
Dion. O your sweete Queene! that the strict fates had pleased
You had brought her hither to haue blest mine eies with her.
Per. We cannot but obey the powers aboue vs.

Could

Could I rage and roare as doth the Sea she lies in,
Yet the end muſt be as it is: my gentle louing *Marina*,
Whom (for ſhe was borne at ſea) I haue named ſo,
Heere I charge your charitie withall, leauing her
The infant of your care, beſeeching you to giue her
Princely training, that ſhe may be manner'd as ſhe is borne.
Cleon, Feare not (my Lord) but thinke your Grace,
That fed my Country with your Corne, for which,
The peoples prayers daily fall vpon you, muſt in your childe
Be thought on, if neglect ſhould therein make me vile,
The common body by you relieu'd,
Would force me to my duty, but if to that,
My nature need a ſpurre, the Gods reuenge it
Vpon me and mine, to the end of generation.
Per. I beleeue you, your honour and your goodneſſe,
Teach me not without your vowes till ſhe be married,
Maddam, by bright *Diana*, whom we honour,
All vnſiſterd haire vpon mine head remaine,
Though I ſhew will in't; ſo I take my leaue:
Good Maddam, make me bleſſed, in your care
In bringing vp my childe.
Dion. I haue one my ſelfe, who ſhall not be more deere to my reſpect then yours my Lord.
Per. My thanks and prayers.
Cleon. We'l bring your graces to the edge of the ſhore, then giue you vp to the maſked *Neptune*, and the gentleſt windes of heauen.
Per. I will embrace your offer come deereſt Madame.
O no teares *Lychorida*, no teares looke to your little Miſtris, on whoſe grace you may depend hereafter: come my Lord.

Enter Cerimon and Thaiſa.

Cer. Maddam, this Letter, and ſome certaine Iewels,
Lay with you in your Coffer, which are at your commaund:
Know you the Character?
Thai. It is my Lords, that I was ſhipt at ſea, I well remember,
euen on my learning time: but whether there deliuered, by the
holy

holy Gods, I cannot rightly say but since King *Pericles* my wedded Lord, I neare shall see againe, a vestall liuery will I take me to, and neuer more haue ioy.

Clor. Madam, if this you purpose as ye speake,
Diana's Temple is not distant farre,
Where you may abide till your date expire,
Moreouer if you please a Neece of mine,
Shall there attend you.

Thai. My recompence is thanks, that's all,
Yet my good will is great, the gift small. *Exit.*

Enter Gower.

Gower. Imagine *Pericles* arriude at *Tyre*,
Welcomd and settled to his owne desire?
His woefull Queene we leaue at *Ephesus*,
vnto *Diana* there's a votarisse.
Now to Marina bend your mindes,
Whom our fast growing scene must find
At *Thersus*, and by *Cleon* traind
In Musickes letters, who hath gaind
Of education all the grace
Which makes high both the art and place
Of generall wonder but alacke
That monster Enuy oft the wracke
Of earned praise, *Marinas* life
Seeke to take off by treasons knife,
And in this kinde, our *Cleon* hath
One daughter and a full growne wench,
Euen ripe for marriage fight: this Maid
Hight Philoten: and it is said
For certaine in our story, she
Would euer with Marina be,
Beet when they weuide the sleided silke,
With fingers long, small, white as milke,
Or when she would with sharpe needle wound,
The Cambricke which she made more sound
By hurting it, or when to'th Lute
She sung, and made the night bed mute,

That ſtill records within one, at when
She would with rich and conſtant pen,
Vaile to her Miſtreſſe *Dian* ſtill,
This *Pholoten* contents in ſkill
With abſolute *Marina*: ſo
The Doue of *Paphos* might with the crow
Vie feathers white, *Marina* gets
All praiſes which are paide by debts,
And not as giuen, this ſo darkes
In *Phyloten* all graceſull markes,
That *Cleons* wife with enuy rare,
A preſent murderer does prepare
For good *Marina*, that her daughter
Might ſtand peereleſſe by this ſlaughter
The ſooner her vile thoughts to ſtead,
Lycherida our Nurſe is dead,
And curſed *Dioniza* hath
The pregnant inſtrument of wrath.
Preſt for this blow, the vnbourne euent,
I do commend to your content,
Only I carried winged Time,
Poſte on the lame feete of my rime
Which neuer could I ſo conuay,
Vnleſſe your thoughts went on my way.
Dioniza doth appeare,
With *Leonine* a murderer. *Exit.*

Enter Dioniza and Leonine.

Dion. Thy oath remember, thou haſt ſworne to do it, tis but a blow, which neuer ſhall be knowne, thou canſt not do a thing in the world ſo ſoone, to yeeld thee ſo much profit, let not conſcience which is but cold, in flaming thy loue boſome, enflame too nicely; nor let pitty, which euen women haue caſt off, melt thee but be a ſoldiour to thy purpoſe.

Leon. I will doo't, but yet ſhe is a goodly creature.

Dion. The fitter then the Gods ſhould haue her,
Heere ſhe comes weepingfor her onely Miſtreſſe death,

Thou

Thou art resolu'd?

Leon. I am resolu'd.

Enter Marina with a basket of flowers.

Mar. No: I will robbe *Tellus* of her weede, to strew thy greene with Flowers: the yellowes, blewes, the purple Violets, and Marigolds, shall as a Carpet hang vpon thy graue, while Summer dayes do last. Aye me poore maide, borne in a tempest, when my mother dide: this world to me is like a lasting storme, fine hurrying from my friends.

Dion. How now Marina? why do'ye weepe alone?
How chaunce my daughter is not with you?
Doe not consume my blood with sorrowing,
You haue a nurse of me. Lord how your fauour's
Chang'd with this vnprofitable woe:
Come giue me your flowers, ere the sea marre it,
Walke with *Leonine*, the ayre is quicke there,
And it pierces and sharpens the stomacke;
Come *Leonine* take her by the arme, walke with her.

Mar. No I pray you, Ile not bereaue you of your seruant.

Dion. Come, come, Ile loue the King your father, and your selfe, with more then forraine heart: wee euery day expect him heere, when hee shall come and finde our Paragon, to all reports thus blasted. Hee will repent the breadth of his great voyage blame both my Lord and mee, that wee haue taken no care to your best course. Go I pray you, walke and be chiefull once againe; reserue that excellent complection, which did steale the eyes of yong and old,
Care not for me, I can goe home alone.

Mar. Well, I will go, but yet I haue no desire to it.

Dion. Come come, I know 'tis good for you:
Walke halfe an howre *Leonine*, at the least,
Remember what I haue said.

Leon. I warrant you Madam.

Dion. Ile leaue you my sweet Lady, for a while: pray walke softly, doe not heate your blood; what, I must haue a care of you.

Mar. My thinks sweet Madame-Is the winde Westerly that blowes?

Leon. South. west.

Mar. When I was borne, the winde was North.

Leon. Wast so?

Mar. My father, as Nurse saith, did neuer feare, but cryed good sea-men to the sayler's, galling his Kingly hands hailing ropes, and clasping to the Mast. endured a sea that almost burst the decke.

Leon. When was this?

Mar. When I was borne, neuer was waues nor winde more violent, and from the ladder tackle, washes off a canuas clymer, ha, saith one, wilt out? and with a dropping industry they skip from sterne to sterne: the Boat-swaine whistles, and the Master calles and trebles their confusion.

Leon. Come, say your prayers.

Mar. What meane you?

Leon If you require a little space for prayer, I graunt it: pray, but be not tedious, for the Gods are quicke of eare, and I am sworne to do my worke with haste.

Mar Why, will you kill me?

Leon. To satisfie my Lady.

Mar. Why would she haue me kild now? as I can remember by my troth, I neuer did her hurt in all my life, I neuer spake bad word, nor did ill turne to any liuing creature: beleeue me now, I neuer kild a Mouse, nor hurt a Flie: I trod vpon a worme once against my will, but I wept for it. How haue I offended wherein my death might yeeld her any profite, or my life lingring her any danger?

Leon. My Commission is not to reason of the deed, but doo't.

Mar. You will not doo't for all the world, I hope: you are well fauoured, and your lookes fore-shew you haue a very gentle heart, I saw you lately when you caught hurt in parting two that fought: good-sooth, it shewd well in you, do so now, your Lady seekes my life, come you betweene, and saue poore me the weaker.

Leon. I am sworne, and will dispatch.

Enter

Enter Pirates,

Pirat 1. Hold vilaine.

Pirat 2. A prize, a prize.

Pirat 3. Halfe part mates, halfe part. Come lets haue her aboard ſodainely.

Enter Leonine.

Leon. Theſe roguing theeues ſerue the great Pyrate *valdes* and they haue ſeiſed *Marina*, let her goe, ther's no hope ſhee will returne: Ile ſweare ſhee's dead and throwne into the ſea but Ile ſee further, perhaps they will not pleaſe themſelues vppon her, not carry her aboard, if ſhee remaine.
Whom they haue raviſht, muſt be ſlaine. *Exit.*

Enter the three Bauds.

Pander. Boult.

Boult. Sir.

Pander. Search the market narrowly, *Metaline* is full of gallants, wee loſt too much money this mart, by being too wenchleſſe.

Baud. We were neuer ſo much out of creatures, wee haue but poore three, and they can doe no more then they can do, and they with continuall action are as good as rotten.

Pander. Therefore lets haue freſh ones what ere wee pay for them, if there be not a conſcience to be uſde in euery trade, wee ſhall neuer proſper.

Baud. Thou ſaieſt true, tis not our bringing vp of poore baſtards, as I thinke I haue brought ſome eleuen.

Boult. I to eleuen and brought them downe againe,
But ſhall I ſearch the market?

Baud. What elſe man? the ſtuffe wee haue a ſtrong winde will blow it to pieces, they are ſo pittifull ſodden.

Pander. Thou ſaiſt true, ther's two vnwholſome in conſcience, the poore *Tranſilvanian* is dead that lay with the little baggedge

Boult. I ſhee quickly poupt him, ſhee made him roaſt-meate

for wormes, but Ile go ſearch the market.

Pand. Three or foure thouſand Chickeens were as pretty a proportion to liue quietly, and ſo giue ouer.

Band. Why, to giue ouer I pray you? Is it a ſhame to get when we are old?

Pand. Oh our credit comes not in like the commoditie, nor the commodity wages not with the danger: therefore, if in our youths we could picke vp ſome pritty eſtate, t'were not amiſſe to keepe our deore-hatch'd; beſides, the ſore termes we ſtand vpon with the gods, will be ſtrong with vs for giuing ouer.

Band Come, other ſorts offend as well as we.

Pand As well as we. I, and better too; we offend worſe, neither is our profeſſion any Trade, it's no calling: but here comes *Boult*.

Enter Boult with the Pirates, and Marina.

Boult. Come your wayes my maſters, you ſay ſhe's a virgine?

Sayl. O ſir, we doubt not.

Boult. Maſter, I haue gone through for this peece you ſee, If you like her, ſo; if not, I haue loſt my earneſt.

Band. Boult, ha's ſhe any qualities?

Boult. She has a good face, ſpeakes well, and has excellent good clothes: there no further neceſſity of qualities can make her be refuſd.

Band. What's her price, *Boult*.

Boult. I cannot be abated one doit of a thouſand peeces.

Pand. Well, follow me my maſters, you ſhall haue your money preſently: wife, take her in, inſtruct her what ſhee has to do that ſhe may not be raw in her entertainment.

Band. Boult, take you the markes of her, the colour of her haire, complexion, height, age, with warrant of her virginity, and cry; He that will giue moſt, ſhall haue her firſt. Such a maiden-head weare no cheap thing, if men were as they haue bene: get this done as I command you.

Boult. Performance ſhall follow.

Mar. Alacke that *Leonine* was ſo ſlacke, ſo ſlow: *Exit.*
He ſhould haue ſtrucke, not ſpoke;

Or

Or that theſe Pirates, not enough barbarous,
Had not ore-board throwne me, for to ſeeke my mother.

Band. Why weepe you pretty one?

Mar. That I am pretty.

Band. Come, the gods haue done their parts in you.

Mar. I accuſe them not.

Band. You are deliuer'd into my hands,
Where you are like to liue.

Mar. The more my fault, to ſcape his hands,
Where I was like to die.

Band. And you ſhall liue in pleaſure.

Mar. No.

Band. Yes indeede ſhall you, and taſte Gentlemen of all faſhi-
ons. You ſhall farewell; you ſhall haue the difference of all com-
plexions: what, do'ye ſtop your eares?

Mar. Are you a woman?

Band. What would you haue mee to be, if I bee not a woman?

Mar. An honeſt woman, or not a woman,

Band. Marry whip thee Goſling: I thinke I ſhall haue ſome-
thing to doe with you. Come y'are a yong fooliſh ſapling, and
muſt be bowed as I would haue ye.

Mar. The Gods defend me.

Band. If it pleaſe the Gods to defend you by men, then men
muſt comfort you, men muſt feede you men muſt ſtirre you vp:
Boults return'd,

Enter Boult.

Now ſir, haſt thou cride her through the market?

Boult. I haue cried her almoſt to the number of herbaires,
I haue drawne her picture with my voyce.

Band. I prethy tell mee how doeſt thou finde the inclination of
the people, eſpecially of the yonger ſort?

Boult. Faith they hiſſed me, as they would haue hearkned
to their fathers Teſtament. There was a Spaniardes mouth ſo
watered, that he went to bed to her very deſcription.

Band. We ſhall haue him heere to morrow with his beſt ruffe-
on.

Boult.

Boult. To night, my Lord, I shall see, doe you know the French Knight that doubts his head?

Band. Who, *Monsieur Veroles*?

Boult. I, he offered to cut a caper at the proclamation, but he made a groome of it, and ever after would fart for her sweet sake.

Band. Well, well, as for him he brought his disease hither, here he doth but repaire it, I know he will come in our shadow, to scatter his crownes in the sunne.

Boult. Well, if we had of every Nation a traveller, we should lodge them with this signe.

Band. Pray you come hither a while, you have fortunes coming vpon you, marke me, you must seeme to doe that fearefully, which you commit willingly, dispise profit where you have most gaine, to weepe that you live as you doe, make pitty in your lovers eyes, this that pitty begets you a good opinion, and that opinion a meere profite.

Mar. I understand you not.

Boult. O take her home mistris, take her home, these blushes of hers must be quenched with some present practise.

Mari. Thou sayest true 'faith, so they must, for your Bride goes to that with shame, which is her way to goe with warrant.

Boult. Faith some do, and some do not, but Mistresse, if I have bargained for the ioyne,

Band. Thou maist cut a morsell off the spit.

Boult. I may so.

Band. Who should deny it?

Come young one, I like the manner of your garments well.

Boult. I by my faith, they shall not be changed yet.

Band. *Boult* spend thou that in the Towne, report what a sojourner we have, you'l lose nothing by custome. When Nature framed this peece, she meant thee a good turne, therefore say what a paragon she is, & thou hast the harvest out of thine owne report.

Boult. I warrant you Mistresse, thunder shall not so awake the beds of Eeles, as my giuing out her beauty, stirs vp the lewdly enclined, Ile bring home some to night.

Band

Baud. Come your waies, follow me.

Mari. If fiers be hot, knives sharpe, or waters deepe,
Vntide I still my virgin knot will keepe.
Diana aide my purpose.

Baud. What haue we to do with *Diana*? pray you goe with vs. *Exit.*

Enter Cleon and Dionizia.

Dion. Why are you foolish, can it be vndone?

Cleon. O *Dionizia*, such a peece of slaughter,
The sunne and Moone nere lookt vpon.

Dion. I thinke you'l turne a childe againe.

Cleon. Were I chiefe Lord of all this spacious world, Ile giue it to vndo the deed. O Lady, much lesse in blood then vertue, yet a Princesse to equall any single Crowne of the earth, in the iustice of compare, O villaine, *Leonine* whom thou hast poisoned too, if thou hadst drunke to him, it had beene a kindnesse becomming well thy face, what canst thou say, when Noble *Pericles* shall demand his childe?

Dion. That she is dead. Nurses are not the fates to foster it, nor euen to preserue, she dide at night Ile say so, who can cresse it, vnlesse you pray the Innocent, and for an honest attributo, cry out she dyde by foule play.

Cleon. O go too, well, well, of all the faults beneath heauens, the Gods do like this worst.

Dionzia. Be one of those that thinkes the pretty wrens of *Tharsus* will flie hence, and open this to *Pericles*, I do shame to thinke of what a Noble straine you are, and of how coward a spirit.

Cleon. To such proceeding, who euer, but his approbation added, though not his whole consent, he did not flow from honourable courses.

Dionzia. Be it so then, yet none doth know but you how she came dead, nor none can know *Leonine* being gone. Shee

did disdaine my childe, and shoode betwnee her and her fortunes: none would looke on her, but cast their gazes on *Marianas* face, whilst ours was blorted at, and held a Mawkin, not worth the time of day. It pierc'd me thorow, and though you call my course vnnaturall, you not your childe well louing, yet I finde it greets me as an enterprize of kindnesse, perform'd to your sole daughter.

Cle. Heauens forgiue it.

Dion. And as for *Pericles*, what should he say? wee wept after her hearse, and yet we mourne: her monument is almost finished, and her Epitaph in glittering golden characters, expres a generall praise to her, and care in vs, at whose expence tis done.

Cle. Thou art like the Harpie,
Which to betray, dost with thy Angels face,
Seaze with thine Eagles talents.

Dion. You are like one that superstitiously
Doth sweare to'th gods that Winter kils the flies,
But yet I know, you'do as I aduise. *Exit.*

Enter Gower

Thus time we waste, and longest leagues make short
Saile seas in Cockels, haue and wish but for:
Making to take our imagination,
From bourne to bourne, Region to region.
By you being pard'ned, we commit no crime
To vse one Language, in each seuerall clime,
Where our scenes seeme to liue. I do beseech you
To learne of me, who stands in gaps to teach you.
The stages of our story *Pericles*,
Is now againe th'wanting the wayward seas;
(Attended on by many a Lord and Knight)
To see his Daughter, all his liues dlight.
Old *Helicanus* goes along behinde,
In left to gouerne it: you beare in minde
Old *Escanes* whom *Helicanus* late
Aduanc'd in time to great and high state.

well

Well saylinge ſhipes, and bounteous, windes haue brought
This King to *Tharſus*, thinke this Pilate thought
So with his ſterage, ſhall your thoughtes grone
To fetch his daughter home, who firſt is gone
Like motes and ſhadowes, ſee them moue a while:
Your eares vnto your eyes Ile reconcile,

Enter Pericles at one doore, with all his traine, Cleon and Dionyza at the other. Cleon ſhewes Pericles the toombe, whereat Pericles makes lamentation, puts on ſack-cloth, and in a mighty paſſion departs.

Gower. See how beleefe may ſuffer by fowle ſhowe,
This borrowed paſſion ſtands for true olde woe:
And *Pericles* in ſorrow all deuour'd,
With ſighes ſhot through, and biggeſt teares ore-ſhowrd.
Leaues *Tharſus*, and againe imbarks, he ſweares
Neuer to waſh his face, nor cut his haires
He put on ſackcloth and to ſea he beares,
A tempeſt which his mortall veſſell teares:
And yet he rides it out, Now take we our way
To the Epitaph for *Marina*, writ by *Dionyza*.

The faireſt, ſweeteſt, and beſt lies heere.
Who withered in her ſpring of yeare:
She was of Tirus the Kings Daughter
On whom foule death hade made this ſlaughter:
Marina was ſhe called, and at her birth
Thats being proud, ſwallowed ſome part ofth' earth:
Therefore the earth fearing to be ore-flowed,
Hath Thetis birth-childe on the heauens beſtowed.
Wherefore ſhe does and ſweares ſhe'l neuer ſtint,
Make raging Battrie vpon ſhores of flint.

No vizor does become blacke villany,
So well as ſoft and tender flattery:
let *Pericles* beleeue his daughter's dead.
And beare his courſes to be ordered

By Lady *Fortune*, while our ſcene muſt play,
His daughter woe and heauy well-aday.
In her vnholy ſeruice: Patience then,
And thinke you now are all in *Mytelene*. *Exit*

Enter two Gentlemen

1. *Gent.* Did you euer heare the like?

2. *Gent.* No nor neuer ſhall do in ſuch a place as this, ſhe being once gone.

1. *Gent.* But to haue diuinity preacht there, did you euer dreame of ſuch a thing?

2. *Gent.* No no, come, I am for no more bawdy houſes, ſhall we go heare the Veſtals ſing?

1. *Gent.* Ile doe any thing now that is vertuous, but I am out of the road of rutting for euer. *Exit*

Enter the three Bauds

Pand. Well, I had rather then twice the worth of her, ſhe had neere came heere.

Bawd. Fie, fie vpon her, ſhe is able to freeze the God *Priapus*, and vndoe a whole generation, we muſt either get her rauiſhe, or be rid of her, when ſhe ſhould do for clyents her fitment, and do me the kindneſſe of our profeſſion, ſhe has me her quirks, her reaſons, her maſter-reaſons, her prayers, her knees, that ſhe would make a puritane of the diuell, if hee ſhould cheapen a laſſe of her.

Bouls. Faith I muſt rauiſh her, or ſhee'l diſfurniſh vs of all our Caualeers, and make our ſwearers Prieſts.

Pand. Now the poxe vpon her greene ſickneſſe for me.

Bawd. Faith ther's no way to be rid of it, but by the way to the poxe. Here comes the Lord *Lyſimachus* diſguiſed.

Bouls. We ſhould haue both Lord and Lowne, if the peeuiſh daggedge would but giue ſtay to cuſtomers.

Enter Lyſimachus

Lyſ. How now, how a dozen of virginities?

Bawd. Now the gods bleſſe your Honour.

Bouls. I am glad to ſee your honour in good health.

Lyſ.

Lyſ. You may ſo, 'tis the better for you, that your reſorters ſtand vpon ſound legs; how now? wholeſome impunity haue you, that a man may deale withall, and defie the ſurgeon?

Band. We haue one heere ſir if ſhe would——
But there neuer came her like in *Metaline.*

Lyſ. If ſhee'd do the deede of darknes, thou wouldſt ſay.

Band. Your honour knowes what 'tis to ſay well enough.

Lyſ. Well, call forth, call forth.

Boult. For flesh and blood ſir, white and red, you ſhall ſee a Roſe, and ſhee were a Roſe indeede, if ſhe had but——

Lyſ. What prethee?

Boult. O ſir, I can be modeſt.

Lyſ. That dignifies the renowne of a baud, no leſſe then it giues a good report to a number to be chaſt.

Enter Marina.

Band. Heere comes that which growes to the ſtalke,
Neuer pluckt yet I can aſſure you.
Is ſhe not a faire creature?

Lyſ. Faith ſhe would ſerue after a long voyage at ſea,
Well, there's for you, leaue vs.

Band. I beſeech your honour giue me leaue a word,
And Ile haue done preſently.

Lyſ. I beſeech you do.

Band. Firſt, I would haue you note, this is an honorable man

Mar. I deſire to find him ſo, that I may worthily note him,

Band. Next, ihee's the gouernor of this Country, and a man whom I am bound to.

Mar. If he gouerne the Country, you are bound to him indeede, but how honorable he is in that I know not.

Band. Pray you without and more virginall fencing, will you vſe him kindly? he will line your Apron with gold.

Mar. What he will doe graciouſly I will thankefully receiue.

Lyſ. Haue you done?

Band. My Lord, ſhee's not paſte yet, you muſt take ſome paines to worke her to your mannage, come, we will leaue his Honour and her together.

Exit Band.

Li. Now pretty one, how long haue you beene at this trade?

Mar. What trade Sir?

Li. why, I cannot name but I shall offend.

Mar. I cannot be offended with my trade, please you to name it.

Li. How long haue you bene of this profession?

Mar. Ere since I can remember.

Li. Did you go too't so young, were you a gamester at fiue or at seauen?

Mar. Earlier too sir, if now I be one.

Li. Why the house you dwell in proclaims you to be a creature of sale.

Mar. Doe you know this house to be a place of such resort, and will come into it? I heare say you are of honourable parts, and the Gouernor of this place.

Li. Why, hath your principall made knowne vnto you, who I am?

Mar. Who is my Principall?

Li. Why your bearbe woman, she that sets seeds and rootes of shame and iniquity. O you haue heard some-thing of my power, and so stand aloof for more serious wooing, but I protest to thee, pretty one, my authority shall not see, thee, or else looke frindly vpon thee; come bring me to some priuate place, come, come.

Mar. If you were borne to honour, shew it now, if put vpon you, make the iudgement good, that thought you worthy of it

Li How's this? how's this? some more, be sage.

Mar. For me that am a maide, though most vngentle Fortune haue plac'd mee in this Stie, where since I came, diseases haue bene solde deerer then Phisicke, O that the gods would set me free from this vnhallowd place, though they did change me to the meanest bird that flies i'th purer aire.

Li. I did not thinke thou couldst haue spoke so well, I were dreampt thou couldst; had I brought hither a corrupted mind, thy speech had altered it, hold, heere's gold for thee, persiuer in that cleare way thou goest, and the gods strengthen thee

Mar.

Mar. The good Gods preserue you.

Li. For my part, I come with no ill intent, for to me the verie doores and windowes sauour vilely, fare thee well, thou art a peece of vertue, and I doubt not but thy training hath bin Noble, hold, heere's more gold for thee, a curse vpon him, dye hee a theefe, that robs thee of thy goodnesse, if thou dost heare mee, it shall be for thy good.

Boult. I beseech your honour, one peece for me.

Li. Auant thou damned dore-keeper, your house but for this virgin that doth prop it, would sinke and ouer-whelme you. Away.

Boult. How's this? we must take another course with you? if your peeuish chastity, which is not worth a breake-fast in the cheapest Country vnder the coope, shall vndoe a whole house hold, let me be gelded like a spaniell, come your waies

Mar. Whither would you haue me?

Boult. I must haue your mayden-head taken off, or the common hangman shall execute it, come your way, wee'l haue no more gentlemen driuen away, come your wayes I say.

Enter Bonds

Bond. How now, what's the matter?

Boult. Worse and worse Mistris, she hath heere spoken holy words to the Lord *Lysimachus*.

Bond. O abhominable.

Boult. He makes our profession as it were to stinke before the face of the Gods.

Bond. Marry hang her vp for euer.

Boult. The Nobleman would haue dealt with her like a Nobleman, and she sent him away as colde as a Snow-ball, saying his prayers too.

Bond. *Boult* take her away, vse her at thy pleasure, cracke the glasse of her virginity, & make the rest male-able,

Boult. And if she were a thornier peece of ground then shee is, she shall be ploughed.

Mar. Harke, harke, you Gods.

Bond. She conjures, away with her, would she had neuer come within.

within my doores, Marry hang you, shee's borne to vndo vs, will you not go the way of woman-kinde? Marry come vp my dish of chastity with rosemary and bayes. *Exit.*

Bouit. Come mistris, come your way with me.

Mar. Whither wilt thou haue me?

Bouit. To take from you the iewell you hold so deere.

Mar. Prithee tell me one thing first.

Bouit. Come now, your one thing.

Mar. What canst thou wish thine enemy to be?

Bouit. Why I could wish him to be my Master, or rather Mistris.

Mar. Neither of these are so bad as thou art, since they better thee in their command; thou holdst a place, for which a pained fiend in hell would not in reputation change: thou art the damned doore-keeper to euery cuſtomer all that comes enquiring for his Tib; to the cholericke fisting of euery rogue, thy eare is liable, thy food is such as hath been belcht on by infected lungs.

Bou. What would you haue me do? go to the wars would you where a man may serue 7. yeares for the losse of a leg, and haue not mony enough in the end to buy him a wooden one?

Mar. Do any thing but this thou doſt, emptie olde receptacles, or common shoares of filth; serue by Indenture to the common hangman, any of these waies are yet better then this: for what thou professest, a Baboone could not speake, would owne a name too deare: Oh, the Gods, would safely deliuer me from this place: heere, heere's gold for thee, if that thy Master would gaine by me, proclaime that I can sing, weaue, sowe, and dance, with other vertues, which Ile keep from boast, and will vndertake all these to teach. I doubt not but this populous Cittie will yeeld many schollers.

Bouit But can you teach all this you speake of?

Mar. Proue that I cannot, take me home againe, and prostitute me to the baſeſt groome that doth frequent your house.

Bouit. Well, I will see what I can do for thee: if I can place thee I will.

Mar. But amongſt honest women.

Bouit

Boult. Faith my acquaintance lyes little among them; but since my master and mistris hath bought you, ther's no going but by their consent: therefore I will make them acquainted with your purpose, and I doubt not but I shall find them tractable enough. Come, ile do for thee what I can, come your waies. *Exeunt.*

Enter Gower.

Marina thus the Brothell scapes and chances
Into an honest house, our story saies;
She sings like one immortall, and she dances
As Goddesse-like to her admired laies;
Deepe Clearks she dumbs, and with her needle composes
Nature as owne shape, of bud, bird, branch or berry,
That euenly art, strives the naturall Roses,
Her Inckle, Silke, Twine, with the rubied Cherry,
That pupils lackes she none of noble race,
Who pours their bounty on her, and her gaine
She gives the cursed Bawd. Leaue we her place
And to her father turne our thoughts againe,
Where we left him at sea tumbled and toss't,
And driuen before the winde, he is arriude
Here where his daughter dwels, and on this Coast,
Suppose him now at Anchor: the Citty striude
God *Neptune* annuall feast to keepe, from whence
Lysimachus our *Tyrrus* ship espies,
His banners sable, trimd with rich expence,
And to him in his Barge with feruour hies
In your supposing, once more put your sight
Of heauy *Pericles*, thinke this his Barke,
Where what is done in action (more if might
Shall be discouered, please you sit and harke. *Exit*

Enter Helicanus with two Saylers.

1. *Sayl.* Where is the Lord *Helicanus*? he can resolue you. O here he is Sir, there is the Barge put off from *Metalin*, and in it is *Lysimachus* the Gouernor, who craues to come aboard, what is your will?

Hell. That he haue his, call vp some Gentlemen.

2. *Seyl.* Ho Gentlemenmen my Lord cals.

Enter two or three Gentlemen.

1. *Gent.* Doth your Lordship call?

Hell. Gentlemen, there is some of worth would come aboard, I pray greet them fairely.

Enter Lysimachus.

1. *Seyl.* Sir, this is the man that can in ought you would, resolue you.

Lys. Haile reuerend sir, the Gods preserue you.

Hell. And you to out-liue the age I am, and die as I would doe.

Lys. You wish me well, being on shore, honoring of *Neptunes* triumphs, seeing this goodly vessell side before vs, I made to it, to know of whence you are.

Hell. First, what is your place?

Lys. I am the Gouernor of this place, you lie before.

Hell. Sir, our vessel's of *Tyre*, in it the King, a man, who for this three months hath not spoken to any one, nor taken sustenance, but to prolong his griefe.

Lys. Vpon what ground is this distemperance?

Hell. It would be to tedious to repeate, but the maine griefe springs from the losse of a beloued daughter and a wife.

Lys. May we not see him?

Hell. You may, but bootlesse is your sight, he will not speake to any.

Lys. Let me obtaine my wish.

Hell. Behold him this was a goodly person, till the disaster that one mortall wight drone him to this.

Lys. Sir King, all haile, the Gods preserue you, haile royall Sir.

Hell. It is in vaine, he will not speake to you.

Lord. Sir, we haue a maid in *Metalin*, I durst wager would win some words of him.

Lys. 'Tis well be thought, she questionlesse with her sweete harmony, and other chosen attractions, would allure and make a battrie through his defended part, which now are mid-way

stopt

ſtopt, ſhe is all happy, as the faireſt of all, and her fellow maides, now vpon the leuie ſhelter that abutts againſt the Iſlands ſide.

Hell. Sure all effectleſſe, yet nothing wee'l omit that beares recoueries name. But ſince your kindneſſe we haue ſtretcht this farre, let vs beſeech you, that for our gould we may haue proui-ſion, wherein we are not deſitcute for want, but weary for the ſtaleneſſe.

Lyſ. O ſir, a courteſie, which if we ſhould deny, the moſt iuſt God for euery graffe would ſend a Caterpiller, and ſo inflict our Prouince: yet once more let mee entreate to know at large the cauſe of your Kings ſorrow.

Hell. Sir, I will recount it to you; but ſee, I am preuented.

Enter Marina.

Lyſ. O heere's the Lady that I ſent for.
welcome faire one: Is not a goodly preſent?

Hell. Shee's a gallant Lady.

Lyſ. Shee's ſuch a one, that were I well aſſurde,
Come of a gentle kinde and noble ſtocke,
Ide wiſh no better choiſe, and thinke me rarely wed,
Faire and all goodneſſe that can ſiſts in beauty,
Expect euen heere, where is a kingly patient,
If that thy proſperous and artificiall fate,
Can draw him but to anſwer thee in ought,
Thy ſacred Phyſicke ſhall receiue ſuch pay,
As thy deſires can wiſh.

Mar. Sir, I will vſe my vttermoſt skill in his recouery, prouided, that none but I and my companion maide bee ſuffered to come neere him.

Lyſ. Come, let vs leaue her, and the Gods make her proſpe-rous.

The Song.

Lyſ. Marke her, your muſicke?

Mar. No, nor looke on vs.

Lyſ. See, ſhe will ſpeake to him.

Mar. Haile ſir, my Lord, lend eare.

Per. Hum, ha.

Mar. I am a maid, my Lord, that ne're before inuited eies, but haue beene gazed on like a Comet: ſhee ſpeakes my Lord, that

may be, hath endured a griefe might equal yours, if both were iustly weighed, though wayward fortune did maligne my state, my derivation was from ancestors who stood equivalent with mighty Kings, but time hath rooted out my parentage, and to the world and aukward casualties, bound me in servitude, I will desist but there is something glowes upon my cheek, and whispers in mine eare, Goe not till he speake,

Per. My fortunes parentage, good parentage to equall mine; was it not thus, what say you?

Mar. I sight, my Lord, if you did know my parentage, you would not doe me violence.

Per. I doe thinke so, pray you turne your eye upon me, ye'are like some-thing that, what Country-women heare of these shewes?

Mar. No, nor of any shewes, yet I was mortally brought forth and am no other then I appeare.

Per. I am great with woe, and shall be delivered weeping: my dearest wife was like this maid, and such a one my daughter might have been: my Queenes square browes, her stature to an inch, as wand-like straight, as silver voyc'd, her eyes as jewell-like and cast as richly, in pace another Iuno. Who starues the ears she feedes and makes them hungry, the more she gives them speech; where do you liue?

Mar. Where I am but a stranger from the decke, you may discerne the place.

Per. Where were you bred? and how atchiev'd you these endowments which you make more rich to owe?

Mar. If I should tell my history it would seeme like lies disdeind in the reporting.

Per. Prethee speake, falsenesse cannot come from thee, for thou lookest modest as iustice, and thou seemst a Palace for the crowned truth to dwell in, I will beleeue thee, and make my senses credit thy relation, to points that seeme impossible, for thou lookst like one I loued indeed; what were thy friends? Didst thou not stay when I did push thee backe, which was when I perceiued thee that thou camst from good discents.

Mar. So indeed I did.

Per.

Per. Repeat thy parentage, I thinke thou saidst thou hadst beene toſt from wrong to injury, and that thou thoughts thy griefes might equall mine, if both were opened.

Mar. Some ſuch thing I ſaid, and ſaid no more, but what my thoughts did warrant me was likely.

Per. Tell thy ſtory, if thine conſidered prooue the thouſand part of my endurance, thou art a man, and I haue ſuffered like a gyrle, yet thou doſt look like patience, gazing on Kings graues, and ſmiling extreamity out of acte, what were thy friends? how loſt thou thy name my moſt kinde virgin? recount I do beſeech thee, Come ſit by me.

Mar. My name is *Marina*,

Per. Oh I am mockt, and thou by ſome inſenced God ſent hither to make the world to laugh me.

Mar. Patience good ſir, or heere ile ceaſe.

Per Nay Ile be patient, thou little knowſt how thou doeſt ſtartle me to call thy ſelfe *Marina*.

Mar. The name was giuen me by one that had ſome power my father and a King,

Per. How, a kings daughter and cald *Marina*,

Mar. You ſaid you would beleeue me, but not to be a trouble of your peace I will end here.

Per. But are you fleſh and bloud?
Haue you a working pulſe, and no Fairy?
Motion will ſpeake on, where were you borne:
And wherefore call *Marina*?

Mar. Cald *Marina*, for I was borne at ſea.

Per. At ſea who! was thy mother:

Mar. My mother was the daughter of a king, who dyed the minute I was borne, as my good Nurſe *Lychorida* hath oft deliuered weeping.

Per. O ſtop there a little, this is the rareſt dreame
That ere dull ſleepe did mocke ſad foole with all,
This cannot be my daughter, buried, well, where were you bred:
Ile heare you more to the bottome of your ſtory, and neuer interrupt you.

Mar. You ſcorne, beleeue me twere beſt I did giue ore.

Per. I will beleeue you by the fillable of what you shall deliuer, yet giue me leaue, how came you in these parts? where were you bred?

Mar. The King my father did in *Tharsus* leaue me
Till cruell *Cleon* with his wicked wife,
Did seeke to murder me: and hauing woo'd a villaine
To attempt it, who hauing drawne to doo't,
A crew of Pirats came and rescued me,
Brought me to Metaline.
But good sir, whether will you haue me? why do you weepe?
It may be you thinke me an imposture, no good faith. I am the daughter of King *Pericles*, if good King *Pericles* be.

Per. Hoe, *Hellicanus*?

Hell. Calles my Lord?

Per. Thou art a graue and noble Councellor,
Most wise in generall, tell me if thou canst, what this maide is,
Or what is like to be, that thus hath made me weepe?

Hell. I know not but hearsche regent sir of *Metaline*, speaks nobly of her.

Lyf. She neuer would tell her parentage,
Being demanded that she would sit still and weepe.

Per. Oh *Hellicanus*, strike me honored sir, giue me a gash, put me to present paine, least this great sea of ioyes rushing vpon me ore-beare the shore of my mortality, and drowne me with their sweetnesse. Oh come hither,
Thou that begetst him that did thee beget
Thou that wast borne at sea, buried at *Tharsus*,
And found at sea againe: O *Hellicanus*,
Downe on my knees thanke the holy gods as loud
As thunder threatens vs; this is *Marina*.
What was my mothers name? tell me but that,
For truth can neuer be confirmd enough,
Though doubts did euer sleepe.

Mar. First sir, I pray what is your Title?

Per. I am Pericles of *Tyre*, but tell me now my
Drownd Queenes name, as in the rest you said,
Thou hast beene God-like perfect, the heire of Kingdomes,

And

And another like to *Pericles* thy father.

Mar. Is it no more to be your daughter, then to say, my Mothers name was *Thaisa*, *Thaisa* was my mother, who did end the minute I began.

Per. Now blessing on thee, rise, thou art my childe.
Giue me fresh garments, mine owne *Helicanus*, she is not dead at *Tharsus*, as she should haue bene by sauage *Cleon*, shee shall tell the all, when thou shalt kneele, and iustifie in knowledge, she is thy very Princes who is this?

Hel. Sir tis the Gouernor of *Metaline*, who hearing of your melancholy, did come to see you.

Per. I embrace you giue me my robes;
I am wild in my beholding. Oh heauen blesse my girle.
But hearke, what Musicks this *Helicanus*, my *Marina*,
Tell him ore point by point, for yet he seemes to dote,
How sure you are my daughter, but wher's this Musicke?

Hel. My Lord, I heare none.

Per. None, the Musicke of the spheares, list my *Marina*.

Lys. It is not good to crosse him giue him way.

Per. Rarest sounds do ye not heare?

Lys. Musicke my Lord, I heare.

Per. Most heauenly musicke
It nips me vnto listening, and thicke slumber
Hangs vpon mine eyes, let me rest.

Lys. A pillow for his head, so leaue him all.
Well my companion friends, if this but answere to my iust beliefe, ile well remember you.

Diana.

Dian. My Temple stands in *Ephesus*,
Hie thee thether, and doe vpon mine Altar sacrifice. There when my maiden priests are met together, before all the people reueale how thou at sea didst lose thy wife, to mourne thy crosse with thy daughters call and giue them repetition to the like, or performe my bidding, or thou liuest in woe, doo't, and happy by my siluer bow, awake and tell thy dreame.

Per. Celestiall *Dian* Goddesse *Argentine*,
I will obey thee: *Helicanus*. *Hel.* Sir.

Per,

Per. My purpose was for *Thaisa*, there to strike
The inhospitable *Cleon*, but I am for other service first,
Toward *Ephesus* turne our blowne sailes,
Eftsoones Ile tell why, shall we refresh vs for your shore,
and giue you gold for such prouision as our intents will needde.
Lys. Sir, with all my heart, and when you come a shore,
I haue another sleight.
Per. You shall prevaile, were it to woe my daughter, for it
seemes you haue beene noble towards her.
Lys. Sir, lend me your arme.
Per. Come my *Marina*. *Exeunt.*

Enter Gower.

Now our sands are almost run,
More a little, and then dum.
This my last boone giue me,
For such kindnesse must relieue me:
That you aptly will suppose.
What pageantry, what feates, what shewes,
What Minstrelsie, what pretty din,
The Regent made in *Mytalin*,
To greete the King; so he thriued,
That he is promised to be wiued
To faire Marina, but in no wise,
Till he had done his sacrifice,
As *Diana* bad, whereto being bound,
The Interim pray, you all confound.
In feathered briefenesse sailes are filld,
And wishes fall out as their wild.
At *Ephesus* the Temple see,
Our King and all his company.
That he can hither come so soone,
Is by your fancies thankfull doome. *Exit.*

Enter Pericles, Lysimachus, Helicanus, Marina, and others.

Per. Haile *Diana*, to performe thy iust command,
I here confesse my selfe the King of *Tyre*.
Who frighted from my Country, did wed at *Pentapolis*, the
faire *Thaisa*, at sea in child bed died she, but brought forth a
Maid

Maid childe called *Marina*, whom O Goddeſſe wearies yet thy ſiluer liuery, ſhe at *Thaſus* was nurſt with *Cleon*, who at fourteene yeares he ſought to murder, but her better ſtars brought her to *Metaline*, gainſt whoſe ſhore riding, her fortunes brought the maid aboord to vs where by her owne moſt cleare remembrance, ſhe made knowne her ſelfe my daughter.

Tb. Voyce and fauour, you are, you are O royall *Pericles*.

Per. What means the woman? ſhe dyes, helpe Gentlemen.

Cer. Sir if you haue told *Dianaes* Alter true, this is your wife.

Per. Reuerend appearer, no, I threw her ouer-boord with theſe very armes.

Cer. Vpon this Coaſt, I warrant you.

Per. Tis moſt certaine.

Cer. Looke to the Lady; O ſhee's but ouerioyde, Early in bluſtring morne, this Lady was throwne vpon this ſhore. I opened the Coffin, found theſe rich Iewels, recouered her, and placed her heere in *Dianaes* Temple.

Per. May we ſee them?

Cer. Great ſir, they ſhall be brought you to my houſe, whether I inuite you, looke, *Thaiſa* is recouered.

Thai. O let me looke if he be none of mine, my ſanctity will cry me ſence; heed no licencious eare, but curb it, ſpight of ſeeing: O my Lord, are you not *Pericles*? like him you ſpeake, like him you are: did you not name a tempeſt, a birth, and death?

Per. The voice of dead *Thaiſa*.

Thai. That *Thaiſa* am I, ſuppoſed dead and drownd.

Per. Immortall *Dian*!

Thai. Now I know you better, when wee with teares parted *Pentapolis*, the King my Father gaue you ſuch a ring.

Per. This no more, you Gods, your preſent kindneſſe makes my paſt miſeries ſport, you ſhall do well that on the touching of her lips I may melt, and no more be ſeene; O come, be buried a ſecond time within theſe armes.

Mar. My heart leaps to be gone into my mothers boſome.

Per. Looke who kneeles heare, fleſh of my fleſh *Thaiſa*, thy burden at the ſea, and call'd *Marina*, for ſhe was yeelded there.

Thai. Bleſt, and mine owne.

Hell. Haile Madam, and my Queene.

Thai. I know you not.

Per. You haue heard me say when I did flye from *Tyre*, I left behind an ancient substitude; can you remember what I cald the man, I haue namde him oft.

Thai. Twas *Helicanus* then.

Per. Still confirmation, embrace him deare Thaisa, this is hee, now do I long to heare how you were found? how possibly preserued? and who to thanke (besides the Gods) for this great miracle?

Thai. Lord *Cerimon* my Lord, this man through whom the Gods shewne their power that can from first to last resolue you.

Per. Reuerent Sir the Gods can haue no mortall officer more like a God then you, will you deliuer how his dead Queene reliues?

Cer. I will my Lord beseech you first goe with me vnto my house. where shall be shewne you all was found with her, how she came plac'ft heere in the temple, no needfull thing ommitted

Per. Pure Dian blesse thee for thy vision, and will offer night oblations to thee; Thaisa this Prince, the faire betrothed of your daughter, shall marry her at Pentapolis, and now this ornament that makes me looke dismall, will I clip to forme, and what this fourteene yeares no razor touch to grace thy marriage day, Ile beautifie.

Thai. Lord *Cerimon* hath letters of good credit, Sir, my father's dead.

Per. Heauens make a starr of him, yet there my Queene, weele celebrate their Nuptiall, and our selues will in that Kingdome spend our following dayes; our sonn and daughter shall in *Tyre*

Lord *Cerimon*, we do our longing stay,
To heare the rest vntolde; Sir, leads the way.

Exeunt omnes.

Enter Gower.

In *Antiochus* and his daughter, you haue heard
Of monstrous lust, the due and Iust reward:

In

Pericles, his Queene and daughter ſeene,
hough aſſayld with Fortune fierce and keene
Vertue preſerd from fell deſtructions blaſt,
Led on by heauen, and crownd with ioy at laſt.
In *Helicanus* may you well deſcry,
A figure of truth, of faith of loyalty:
In reuerend *Cerimon* there well appeares,
The worth that learned charity aye weares
For wicked *Cleon* and his wife, when fame
Had ſpread their curſed deed, the honord name
Of *Pericles*, to rage the Citty turne,
That him and his, they in his Pallace burne:
The gods for murder ſeemed ſo content
To puniſh although not done, but meant.
So, on your patience euermore attending,
Now ioy waite on you heere our play hath ending

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